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Major joins

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for the weak.

In Belief In Politics, by Roy McCloughry, Mr Major says his parents instilled in him

the differences between right and wrong and the responsibilities of the strong to care

Mr Blair became the first

main political leader to spark controversy over religion and

politics when he claimed in a newspaper interview earlier this year that his Christian beliefs had driven him to join Labour and oppose the "self-interest" of Conservatism.

Mr Blair is also inter-viewed in the book, where he

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belief that somehow you as a person were less important

The controversy will be in-flamed today with the publi-

cation of a pre-election brief-ing by the Catholic Church, which appears to favour New Labour. The Common Good, a

13,000-word document, is an

in public life by the National Conference of Catholic Bish-

ops of England and Wales.

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Political Corresponde

OHN MAJOR has

entered the highly sen-sitive debate over the

tics by speaking for the first time of his deep commitment

to Christianity and a "simple" faith which under-

pins his political values.
Mr Major claims that the
Conservative Party "is
founded on principles flowing
from the Christian faith".

Amid mounting concern that religion is to be used as a

key weapon in the general election battleground, senior politicians immediately warned of the dangers of in-

tertwining it with politics. Chris Smith, the shadow

health secretary — himself a practising Christian — yes-terday told BBC Radio's

World At One: "What I don't think we should be doing is trying to claim that one par-

ticular kind of religion leads to one particular kind of polit-

John Gummer, the Envi-ronment Secretary — a for-mer member of the General Synod of the Church of Eng-

and who has since converted to Catholicism — said he be-lieved there were no conve-

nient rules on political affiliation for those with Christian

beliefs. "All Christians have

got to make up their own

minds and there is a place for

Christians in all democratic political parties," he said on

object strongly to those who think that you can only be a

Conservative if you're

Christian or be a socialist if you're a Christian."

silence on religion to disclose

that he prays "in all circum-stances", in a book of inter-views with politicians to be published this week. Mr

Major concedes that 'no one political party can hope to

Mr Major has broken his

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Tutsis flee new violence in Zaire

Trapped bloody triangle of terror

Chris McGreal is the first western reporter in Uvira, Zaire from where he files on the latest tragic round of ethnic cleansing

seeming to stare longingly up the hill toward those who had fled with out her. In the town below young thugs pranced through calebrating her skewered the child through the throat as they hunted down people who had once been their neighbours. The fetid overflow of Rwan-

da's genocide and Burundi's civil war is fuelling a new upsurge of ethnic persecution and fighting in eastern Zaire. Hundreds of thousands of Zaire's native Tursis have

taken to the hills to escape their government's threat to expel or exterminate them, which has already resulted in hundreds of deaths. And tens of thousands of Rwandan and Burundian Hutu refugees fled their camps at the weekend as Tutsis retaliated with raids. They were apparently made with the encouragement of the Rwandan government which is keen to strike against extremist Hutu mili-

tiss sheltering in the camps.

was jerked back, seeming to stare longingly up the longin Zaire for generations. Hostil-ity has swelled since the end of the Rwandan war in 1994 sent more than 1 million Hutus fleeing into Zaire. But unlike the Tutsi victims o Rwanda's genocide, or simi-lar persecution further north in Zaire, the Banyamulenge are fighting back.

Among them is Moses Kinde, who helps guard his and 12 other families with a machete and an AK-47. About 100 people in all, they have settled on the edge of a small woods in the hills north of Uvira, a squalid border town.

"We know where Zaire had problems before, but when the Rwandan Hutus arrived after that it was clear we were going to have a lot of problems. It got more and more dangerous until the gov-ernment tried to take our land and they told us we had to leave the country and go back to Rwanda.

"But we don't come from Rwanda and they cannot force us to go because we know how to fight and the army does not," he said

Much of the violence is near Uvira. It has long had an air of menace, but the mobs of young men parading through the streets waving machetes, metal bars and wooden stakes are new. They believe they are invincible, magically shielded by the twigs and leaves sprouting from their pockets and stuffed into headbands. Small children run alongside giving the war dance a sense of carnival. In recent weeks they have beaten, stoned or carved up people who until recently were their neighbours. Other | leave but I couldn't take any-



Banyamulenge disappear into Zaire's notorious jaila, emerging only for burial.

Uvira's district commis-sioner. Shweka Mutabazi, drew up a list of all Banyamu-lenge property and land, or-dered Tutsis to stop building homes and told soldiers they could take over the houses of those forced to flee. Some people were simply thrown out. Others were besten up, falsely accused of crimes and imprisoned, or dismissed

from their jobs.

Moses Kinde was forewarned, "A friend of mine knew what was going on, what the authorities were planning. It was just like Rwanda. Men came to the house and told me we had to

thing. Some were saying they should kill me. We went to a friend's house but they came again and said I had to go back to Rwanda. I've never been to Rwanda. Then they

were killing people and we came up here," he said. The region's deputy governor, Lwasi Ngabo Lwabanji, sent a new wave of terror through the Banyamulenge a fortnight ago when he gave them a week to get out of Zaire or agree to be placed in

camps.
"For those of them who defy the order and stay in the hills they will be treated as rebels, and like rebels in other countries will be exter-minated and expelled," Mr Lwabanji said. Thousands of soldiers have

been flown into the region. They snatch the first transport to hand - sometimes aid agency vehicles - to load up with grenade launchers, machine guns and boxes of ammunition. But Zairean troops are often drunk and too frightened to take on the armed Banyamulenge so they lob mortars indiscriminately

into the hills or hunt down women and children. Young Banyamulenge men have struck back, on occa-sions sending army units flee-ing and hitting refugee camps which shelter Hutu militiamen. Banyamulenge rebels were blamed for two massa cres at missionary hospitals in which about 50 people were killed two weeks ago.

Although the government

portrays them as outsiders, Tutsis first arrived in what is now Zaire sometime after the 16th century. They estabished their settlement in the Mulenge hills and became known as the Banyamulenge. Later they fanned out to Uvira and outlying villages.

The Banyamulenge, often more prosperous than their neighbours, fell victim to President Mobutu's divide and rule politics in 1981. A new law stripped them of citi-zenship, and with it rendered them stateless. By the time refugees fled Rwanda in 1994, on the heels of a similar outpouring from Burundi six months earlier, Zaire's Tutsi population was more vulnera ble than it had ever been.

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Newcastle delirious as humiliation is avenged with 5-0 victory over Manchester United

Michael Walker SUCH was the condensa-tion on the window of the Hotspur bar on Newcastle's Percy Street, it was hard to tell who the man outside the

Along with thousands of other delirious Geordies the man was celebrating one of the least predictable scorelines in English football.
Newcastle United, almost universally regarded as havwindow with a radio pressed to his ear was, but he looked like Rodney Bickerstaffe on ing an even worse defence than Neil Hamilton's, were on speed. And Newcastle United | their way to beating Man-

were still only 3-0 up at that Man United had humiliated

Newcastle 4-0 in the Charity Shield at Wembley only two months ago, and no one could have foreseen such a result. The scoreline was so dramatic that Newcastle's city cant. This reached a frenzy in centre pube last night were a April with a vitiolic outburst

and Liverpool have been a greater friction for a generation, but over the past year in particular, nouveau riche Newcastle's entrance into the ring has been more signifi-cant. This reached a frenzy in

chester United, champions of heaving, sweating mass of on TV from Newcastle's manEngland and widely regarded as shoe ins for their third consecutive title, 50.

heaving, sweating mass of on TV from Newcastle's manager, Kevin Keegan, at his opposite number, Alex Ferguson, who felt his team
had not played badly, said: "It

the summer Keegan got one back when he turned Alan Shearer into the world's most expensive footballer, paying Blackburn £15 million with

Ferguson. Ferguson had the last laugh then, overseeing his side's push to the title, but during

had not played badly, said: "It was just one of those days." And for once it was a sentiment with which those inside and outside the Hotspur

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No one seemed to care that there are seven months of the season still to go.

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Sport The South African Emie Els became the first golfer to win the World Match Play for three successive years when he beat Vijay Singh.

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No joke, this Monster Raving Ego Party - yet

The thrust of Sir James Goldsmith's argument is that Europe is anti-democratic. In his Referendum Party there is a golden rule: he who has the gold makes the rule:



Matthew Engel

dum Party was on Saturday with a video depicting politicians saying blood-curdling things about Europe. They were ac-companied by loud Hollywood blockbuster-type music, possi-bly borrowed from a movie about a crazed billionaire who tries to buy his way to supreme power.

The party leaders were then rapturously applauded on to the podium, though they were invisible from even halfway back in the Brighton Centre, so hardly anyone could have had the faintest idea who they

The huge hall was packed, and overflowing into side rooms. They applauded all morning. They applauded all afternoon. And they applauded most of the way through lunchtime, even though this was meant to be a party that cared about its

In a massive organisational. marketing and spending effort to set up this conference, no one thought to provide a simple red light to shut people

Forty-three speeches were scheduled during the day, and the whole thing rambled on for an extra two hours, even though some had to be cancelled or curtailed, otherwise the leader's speech might have missed the evening

The oratory standard was actually rather high. But it is not difficult to make a speech attacking the anomalies, stupidities, waste and bureaucracy of the European Union. and the Government's vacilla tions in dealing with them, es-pecially if you don't mind twisting the odd fact.

There was one token speaker, carefully placed to create the illusion of a broad church, who claimed to be proreferendum on the subject but not anti-Europe. Otherwise they all made in essence the same speech. There was no ar gument. We still await the I.M. Bateman figure: The Man Who Tried To Enter An Unscripted Caveat At A Goldsmith Conference.



They applauded the whole day long, but then no-one said anything they could not agree with

Indeed, I seem to have missed the election which chose Sir James as party eader. Funny, that. The thrust of his argument is that Europe is anti-democratic. But here is a party that operates by the Golden Rule: he who has the gold makes the

merely unanimity on the overt issue of a referendum but on the subtext as well. When one

speaker finished his denunciation of Brussels with the cry Do we want it?" they had get to his prepared line "Let the people decide". This lot

There were rumours that the hall would be full of dropdead gorgeous Sloanes. In fact, most of the audience looked more likely to drop dead. They were middle-aged

to elderly, the women twin-

setted, the men the sort who bappily wear ties on a

It was not like the Conserva-tive conference, because there were no young apparatchiks greasing their way up the pole it was more like a gigantic AGM of a provincial Conservative club. There was a collective frisson when She came on the video. If there was a vote for leader, She would win it, not Goldsmith. These were

Of the speakers who were present, they most liked Ed-ward Fox — The Day of the Jackal possibly representing the last time they went to the

But they also took to some farmer-chap with sideburns who apparently introduces something on the telly to do with dogs. They laughed a lot when he kept repeating a joke about "Euronating

But they still had enthusiasm enough for the leader. I first caught sight of Sir James on the prom, brushing past the Big Issue seller (who de-scribed business as "terrible") surrounded by TV cameramen. He was having an absolute ball.

Then he spoke with force and relish. He used the word "we" 71 times, "our" 57 times and "us" 18 times, though it was not always clear who this deracinated Anglo-Frenchman actually ments. So tage how often in history it is the outsider who most sidifully

touches a nationalistic nerve This may be the Monater Raving Ego Party, but it is not a joke. Not yet. But it insty be a very short-term success in-deed. The party has altready tried to ben or teles! tried to ban critical

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journalists.
It is unlikely that the leader's brittle personality and overstated arguments could stand up to the scrutting of a general election.

The obvious parallel is with Ross Perot, who might well Ross Perot, who might well have bought a country that came cheaper than the US. The British precedent is Lord Beaverbrook, whose Empire Crusade briefly terrified Bainwin before it collapsed under the weight of its leader's megalomants. megalomania Howard Spring, in this

paper, called Beaverbrock "a redlar of dreams". Now Goldsmith is peddling the dream of a proud, aloof and self-reliant Britain to people who desperately want to believe it is still

It took him nearly 15 min-utes to leave the hall, through the crush of adering suburban ladies. The music was playing again. This time it was identiflable. It was the theme from The Mission.

The old devil even has all

£50m facelift leaves cultural gap in **Paris**

Paul Webster in Paris

HE Pompidou Centre. Paris's most popular monument, is to be shut for more than two years for a £50 million refit in time for the millennium

An official announcement on the closure will be made on Thursday by the Culture Minister, Philippe Douste-Blazy, but planning has started on how to rehouse the main components until a festival reopening on December 31, 1999. The biggest problem is the National Modern Art Mu-seum, which occupies the third and fourth floors where more than 800 paintings are on show. At least 3,000 pictures are

in storage and are likely to be redistributed among other museums, such as the Grand Palais and the Jeu de Paume. Other temporary exhibitions are planned for the centre's piazza near the site of the demolished Les Halles, while the huge ref-erence library will be housed in a nearby

building. About 160 million people have taken the outside escalator among the tubes and scaffolding that make up the 18-year-old building designed by the Briton Richard Rogers and the Italian Renzo Piano.

On average, 25,000 people visit the building each day, five times more than exrated in memory of the Pompidou, who died in

Under this onslaught, the multi-purpose cultural cen tre is posing increasing safety and organisational

The building, in the heart of the capital, will be shut from September 1997. weeks after renovation work ends on the exterior. Work to solve rusting and other structural damage to what Parisians call Our Lady of the Tubes or the Refinery has given the centre the look of a permanent

It was originally expected that the building, which contains a reference li-



The Pompidou Centre is closing for two years while being fully restored for the millennium

sical institute and several exhibition areas, would be renovated section by sec-tion in a programme scheduled to continue until at least 2001.

But the new chairman Jean-Jacques Alllagon, said it was unthinkable that such a popular venue should not be fully restored for the millennium

trusted to Mr Piano, who has set in over programsaid yesterday that he was originally cautious about closing the building, but now felt that a concentrated effort would be less expensive and would cause less of an upset in the long

"In the past 20 years since construction started, the centre has not been ming and planning of cul-tural events," he said. "This is going to give us time to rethink the whole multi-cultural concept without forgetting chance and complexity, which was always at the heart of the

project."
Since the centre opened staff have frequently com-plained that there is little Restoration has been en- and a sort of conservatism | contact between the differ-

ent sections as curators es-tablished little empires or suffocated initiatives by growing bureaucracy.
Its popularity as the

city's most popular venue owes much to the fact that ntrance to most of the exhibitions and library is free, while the outside : lator is used mostly by tourists to see the view of one of the oldest parts of Paris from the fifth floor.

Nickell case fury at 'new evidence'

Duncan Campbell Crime Corresponde

acquitted of the mur-der of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common four years ago, was yes-terday consulting lawyers over the publication of prosecution evidence not revealed at his trial. Ms Nickell was stabbed to

death while walking with her son. Alex, then nearly three years old, in July 1992. Mr an undercover police operation. In September 199 was acquitted at the Old Bailey after the trial judge, Mr Justice Ognall, ruled inadmis-sible evidence obtained by a policewoman who fabricated a relationship with Mr Stagg. The judge said the way the evidence was gathered was "thoroughly reprehensible". The new evidence was pub-

lished following the publication last week of a book by André Hanscombe, Ms Nick ell's partner. In the book, Mr Hanscombe relates how Alex helped the police to piece together a picture of the man who killed his mother. The boy described the man's clothes and the shape of his face, but the prosecution decided not to call him to give

After Mr Stagg's acquittal, Scotland Yard reopened the investigation and in August



Colin Stagg . . . acquitted of Racbel Nickell's murder

last year detectives inter viewed a man in New Zealand about his movements. No further charges have been made. Yesterday the Mail on Sunday, which has been serialising Mr Hanscombe's book. published statements made by other witnesses and remarks by Mr Stagg when interviewed by police.

A jury would also have heard from witnesses that Mr | pointing to another man.

The prosecution would have claimed, if the case had come to court, that Mr Stags knew details of the killing known only to the police. Mr Stagg claimed he got some of the details from being shown a photograph of the body by

scene of the murder and would have been told by wit-nesses of his behaviour shortly after the murder. The prosecution would have al-leged that Mr Stagg was providing details of the murder before they were known to the general public. When Mr Stagg, aged 33. was approached yesterday at his home in Roehampton. south London, he set fire to a copy of the Mail on Sunday

and said through a friend that he was consulting his lawyers. He later offered to tell his side of the story for \$4,000. Mr Stagg has not brought any civil actions despite the there were to be a civil action, against the police or a newspaper, the evidence that would have been presented at the Old Bailey would be heard

in open court. In his book, The Last Thursday in July, Mr Hanscombe says the case should have been tried in front of a jury so that all the evidence

was available for scrutiny. Diane Stagg, who married Mr Stagg after his acquittal. said yesterday: "We are totally disgusted and outraged because they are not telling the full story. Nobody has ever said This man has been acquitted, what the hell is he going through?"

She claimed that there was a large amount of evidence

Pleasures in the verbiage

Review

Anne Karpf

Man and Superman **BBC Radio 3**

PRIZE the pithy, so which jester decided to mark the 50th anniversary of the Third Programme by broad-casting Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman, all 41/2 interm nable hours of it? It was a gesture of either misplaced purism or pedantry: Shaw himself knew that the full four-act version was unperfor mable, declaring that it was "never intended to be played"

myself once and nearly died of it". And although it was the first drama broadcast on the Third Programme, even 50 years ago the press question whether the audience could cope with almost five hours of Shaw at a stretch, and only 40 minutes in the middle to

and adding: "I tried to see it

Acts 1,2, and 4 scythe through bourgeois hypocrisy as John Tanner, a man of advanced social ideas and languid sarcasm, tries to escape from the inevitability of marriage to Ann Whitefield, a young woman of predatory charm and manipulative guile, who rejects a kindlier suitor en route. This part of

the play is full of the sort of bons mots you get from Wilde. But then comes the monstrougly indulgent Act 3, which is understandably almost always excised from the atrical productions. Set mostly in Hell, it's an extended debate between the Devil and Don Juan on age, class, gender, and above all morality, which tries to imagine into existence a better new world.

Contenting himself with a succession of undramatic bludgeoning speeches, Shaw's only concession to the audience is one character's complaint that "This is extremely abstract and metaphysical, Juan". When the Devil declared "Let us go on for another hour, if you like". I developed my own theory about why Shaw had

set it in Hell. The celebrated Shavian wit, though sometimes sparkling ("what is vir-tue but the Trade Unionism of the married"), is often too heavy-handed for a modern audience.

Radio 3 clearly hoped to offset length with glitter; the starry cast included Ralph Flennes as Tanner/Juan, Juliet Stevenson as Ann, Judi Dench as her mother, with Peter Hall directing.
One didn't so much admire

Fiennes as pity him, despite a spirited, intelligent reading. This was essentially a feat of endurance, both for actor and audience. The novelty casting lay in Paul Merton as Henry Straker, Tanner's chauffeur and another of Shaw's ludicrously over-educated work-ers. It soon became clear that Merton can't act; things worked best when he didn't have to, with lines which sounded like his own ad libs

that he can time to perfection. Some small pleasures, then, in among the verbiage, but no wonder Shaw has fallen from favour. In every sense, he is

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Peaceful demonstration masks seething anger

Huge tide of white turns against Belgian justice

Stephen Bates in Brussels

ORE than 250,000 Belgians marched through Brussels in the country's largest demonstration yester day to commemorate the deaths of children by a paedo-phile gang — and to demand a clean-up of the justice system.

In an extraordinary display of solidarity and sympathy with the parents of the four girls whose bodies were found at homes owned by Marc Dutroux, a Charleroi builder, the turn-out was the equivalent of about 3 per cent of Belgium's entire population.

Most people in the crowd wore white as a mark of mourning for the murdered children. Children and babies held white balloons, and dogs were led on leads with white ribbons. Many on the march carried white lilies, roses and Michaelmas dalsies. White sheets hung from balconies and windows across the city.

The state railway arranged more than 50 special trains and offered reduced fares to 150,000 extra passengers. Travel on the trams and underground system in Brussels was free for most of the

Although the paedophile anger at the incompetence of the police and judicial authorities, criticism was muted yesterday.
There had been strenuous

appeals for the demonstration to be peaceful — from King Albert II and Jean-Luc Debaene, the prime minister, and from the parents of the murdered children who insisted the gathering was not political. The authorities took chances, however, and sealed off the justice ministry and nearby Palace of Justice

Chronology

🗆 June 1995: Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo, aged eight, disappear.

□ August: Teenagers An Marchal and Eefje Lambrecks disappear.

December: Charleroi police go to home of Marc

Dutroux, but do not pur-

sue search despite hearing children's voices. March 1996: Dutroux, held for three months on charges of robbing cars, finds Julie and Melissa starved to death in

May: Dutroux abducts Sabine Dardenne, 12. □ August: Abducts Leetitia Delhez, 14.

August: Dutroux arrested: leads police to Sabine and Laetitia, locked in cellar. Police find bodies of Julie and Melissa and Dutroux's associate Bernard Weinstein,

□ September: Bodies of An and Eefje found. □ October: Court removes investigating magistrate Jean-Marc Connerotte from investigation, after he accepts spaghetti from child abuse campaigners.

one of the teenagers found buried at one of Dutroux's houses, called for the march to be dignified: "I want to appeal to everyone to be calm and peaceful. This is for our children, not against the justice system. Keep your fists in work peakets." your pockets."

Belgium has been rocked to

its foundations by the crisis which has revealed such staggering inefficiency and com-placency by police and politicians that there are widespread allegations about official cover-ups and the hid-Paul Marchal, the father of | den guilt of those in author- | buried. The fifth corpse was

interior minister, admitted in an interview on Friday that Five bodies have so far

been unearthed in the police investigation, including two eight-year-old girls who were llowed to starve to death nine months after being ab-ducted by Dutroux and his associates

Two teenagers were res-cued from Dutroux's home when the crimes first came to light in August, but two more were found murdered and

ity. Johan Van de Lanotte, the | one of the builder's associates and police are still searching for the bodies of other missing children at his properties

There were daily demonstrations last week across the country after the supreme court removed Jean-Marc Thirteen people, including Dutroux's wife and lodger, a Connerotte, the investigating magistrate, from leading the inquiry for accepting a spa-ghetti meal at a fund-raising well-known Brussels busi-

Most of the 250,000 demonstrators who marched through Brussels wore white as a mark of mourning and held white balloons

nessman and political fixer. and a senior police officer have been arrested.

Marie-Noelle Bouzet, mother of Elisabeth Brichet, one of the girls still missing, said contemptuously on tele-vision yesterday: "The crimi-nals seem to be much

authorities."

a national hero for his ener getic conduct of the inquiry, but yesterday demonstrators contented themselves with wearing strands of dry spabetter organised than the ghetti in their bair.

dinner organised by cam-

paigners against child abuse. Mr Connerotte has become

Seething anger was evident | ing, said angrily: "It won't |

"Ashamed to be Belgian", a sentiment separatist politicians from the north of the country are happy to encourage. Other badges said: "Stop the Cover-Up". Luc Handaels and his wife

wore Flemish stickers saying:

Christine had brought their two young children Thomas and Michelle. "We are here to show solidarity. Things must change here. The system is too old. It is protecting the guilty." Mr Handaels said. An elderly man, overhear-

among some marchers. Many I change unless we do something about it. Everything is so complacent here." As they dispersed quietly at

the end, many demonstrators passed a biliboard on the back of a van that listed the names of the missing children. Only some young Arab immigrants seemed to notice that it seemed, unaccountably, to have forgotten one name; Loubna Benaissa, the only immigrant child to have been abducted. Noisily, they wrote

Gun group to fight seat

Helen Nowicka

HE gun lobby is to field a general election candi-date in the parliamentary constituency that includes Dunblane in protest at government plans to curb

The decision by the Shooters' Rights Association to fight Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth for his Stir-ling seat was denounced as

"extraordinary insensitivity". The pro-gun group, which claims 6,000 members nationwide, signalled its intention as the anti-gun Snowdrop campaign abandoned plans to put up a candidate in the mar-

ginal constituency.
Yesterday Richard Law,
secretary of the Shooters' Rights Association, said the Government's plans, an-nounced last week, to ban all handguns except 22 single-shot weapons went 100 far.

"They are scapegoating de-cent people for police inepti-tude, and they should address the real problem instead."
sold Mr Law, whose Glasgowborn wife Elizabeth has offered to stand. He argued that the shooting at Dunblane of 16 children and their teacher by Thomas Hamilton was the result of police failures, and that the issue was not one of banning weapons but of careful licensing.

Roseanna Cunningham, Scottish National Party MP for Perth and Kinross, denounced the association's de-

cision as "beyond belief".

"This can only add to the distress of people in Dunblane and those directly affected by the tragedy, and I think it is despicable that the gun lobby could be so hurtful as to even

consider standing." she said. Yesterday Ann Pearston, co-founder of the Snowdrop campaign, said it had dropped plans to challenge Mr Forsyth because Labour had signalled its intention to push for a ban on all handguns. "If the Labour party are going for a full ban . . . it would not make sense for me to stand or field candidates," she said. Mr Forsyth, in an interview

with the Scotland On Sunday newspaper, spoke of his dis-taste at the violent gun culture of many films and videos, and said he had raised the issue with the Home Secretary, who was sympathetic to his views. "What do we expect to happen It in, while the rest of the crowd moved past, shrugging their shoulders.

It is a society if that is the kind of material people are being exposed to?" he said.

Block on new jobless figure

Shephard wins battle to keep criticised dole-queue count

Richard Thomas Economics Corresp

ILLIAN Shephard, the Education and Employ-ment Secretary, has won a long-running battle with the Treasury to block the introduction of a new jobless measure intended to supplement the widely criticised dole-queue count.

At a meeting of a cabinet committee on Thursday, Mrs Shephard — who is concerned that the proposed survey-based measure of unemployment would paint a less flattering picture of job pros-pects — defeated the Chancel-

background of a tough public spending round to kill it off." The Conservatives are hop-ing to reap electoral rewards from the continued fall in un-employment with the existing

measure - counting people

out of work and claiming benefits — which is on course

to drop below 2 million just before polling day.

Mrs Shephard's determination to head off an alternative
version of the unemployment statistics is said to have hardened with this week's figures, showing that the claimant count had dropped by a bet-

September.

Labour accused the Government of hiding an "epidemic" for, Kenneth Clarke. ment of hiding an "epidemic"
One Whitehall source said: of unemployment. The

mentary question — which must be answered within three days — to confirm the Last night Mr McCartney said: "The unemployed are being massaged out of the sta-

tistics and dumped into a black bole. The Labour Party is committed to fiddle-free fig-ures and an independent review of the real level of unemployment and what is really happening in the labour market." have long been calling for the

introduction of a monthly series based on household surveys, arguing that the cur-rent approach misses women returning to the labour mar ket after looking after chil-dren, who may not be eligible ter-than-expected 35,600 in for state hand-outs, as well as people who fail to claim their allowances. Mr Clarke also favoured the

"Clarke has been stitched up by Shephard on this one. She man, Ian McCartney, will adoption of survey-based data measure has been man, Ian McCartney, will which would have cost as "tawdry" by has successfully used the today table a priority parlia.

committee on competitiveness that extra spending on statistics which could dent the Government's job-creation record was unwise especially given the current cash squeeze to make room for budget tax cuts. An an-nouncement on the Govern-ment's decision not to proceed is expected within the next few weeks.

Recent figures from the exabour market." isting Labour Force Survey of Government statisticians 60,000 households, which is conducted on a three-monthly basis, have been at odds with the upbeat claimant count data. Labour has exploited the division within the Cabinet, this week describing the head-count measure as

Thirty-one changes to the composition of the monthly claimant-count measure have been made since 1979, and the measure has been described as "tawdry" by the Royal Sta-

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Maey Kennedy Heritage Correspo

VISITING museums can seriously damage your health. Starving, parched and blistered, fainting with exhaustion or trampled underfoot by crowds, mu-

seum and gallery visitors are toppling like skittles. A study for MAG, the London museums and galleries magazine, recommends preparing for a cul-tural outing as for an Antarctic trek: warm-up exercises, scrupulous pacing to conserve energy, ing ways of coping. The fast and fren feet unweil. In reordary, with high protein snacks, regular rests and perhaps a fold-trained in first aid who can who has worked with the has no idea why.

ing chair — an earlier | be alerted by radio as soon | British Olympic Associa-report found lack of seating | as somebody is spotted tot-was the single biggest visi- | tering in front of the | bydration, and recommends was the single biggest visi-tor complaint.

The worst damage occurr at blockbuster exhibitions like William Morris at the Victoria and Albert or Ce-

zanne at the Tate Gallery. Peter Freedman, editor of MAG, warns that the 2.5 miles of British Museum corridors would be chalcorridors would be chal-lenging enough for the young and fit. Yet many of those setting out to see all plaints are from visitors seven million objects in one visit are elderly and frail. But museums are devising ways of coping. The Tate Gallery employs staff

Turners.
"If a coach-load of elderly

people arrive exhausted after a long journey we have air-conditioned rooms where they can rest before starting," said Edward Mayer, the Tate's gallery manager.

Gree Repeats health and

who have been on the road since six in the morning, or who have skipped break-fast and then feel unwell."

acking bottled water and a banana for energy.

John Brewer, of the Lille-

shall Human Performance Centre, suggests pre-visit warm up exercises and taking a breather every half hour, and Norma Monatague, of the National Back Pain Association, advised: "You should make use of every opportunity to sit taking a mobile seat."

It is better to skip the Victoria and Albert completely in February, when casual-ties soar — and the museum

"How could the billionaire owner of the world's most powerful media empire, a man fêted by presidents, prime ministers and captains of industry wherever he went in the world, be jealous of my minor fame in Britain?" Andrew Neil on his strained relationship with Rupert Murdoch

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Deputy PM's fury over what the butler saw

Seumas Milne on a mining protest

ICHAEL Heseltine's butler opened the shutters of his Northamptonshire manreveal a vision of industrial blight spreading rapidly across his exquisitely mani-cured back garden.

Barely a hundred yards from the Deputy Prime Minister's bedroom window, 60 environmental and union activists, former miners and roads protest-ers had staked out one of the finest lakeside views in the country and were busy prospecting for coal.

At the centre of their op-erations was a 20ft by 10ft borehole gauged out of Mr Heseltine's turf with pickaxes and shovels and sur-rounded by a blue plastic screen. Dotted around his land were all the paraphen-alia of an opencast mine test site inspection, com-plete with signs for spoil-heaps and heavy plant

crossings.

Mr Heseltine's fury can
have only been heightened by the fact that the police contingent called to Then-ford Hall to deal with the outrage confined themselves to what they de-scribed as a "largely obser-

The protesters, who aim to highlight the environmental and social devasta tion caused by opencast mining, have submitted a planning application to mine 1 million tonnes of coal from 68 hectares of Mr Heseltine's mineral-rich land, digging to a depth of

To their delight, Mr He-seltine warned Labour-con-trolled Northamptonshire county council that he would "fiercely oppose" the application. The protesters hope his objections can be deployed to block



A protester prospects for coal in Mr Heseltine's garden in the campaign against opencast mining Photograph: ANDREW TESTA

the Thenford Hall scheme very seriously indeed". Yesterday's "site inspec-tion" was timed to coincide

tary in the autumn of 1992. That opened the way for the current boom in opencast mining, described by the with the fourth anniver-Commons energy commit-tee as "one of the most en-vironmentally destructive sary of the deep mine cloacross the country. The through by Mr Heseltine as processes being carried out

Steve Parry, co-ordinator | of the Anti Opencast group which organised yester-day's protest, said: "We welcome Mr Heseltine's opposition to opencast mining in this beautiful area but

Derbyshire and other

When the group eventually packed up, Mr Parry was warned by the police he would be investigated

Tax and economy are key to election says Patten

Major 'must repeat Double Whammy'

HE former Conserva-tive Party chairman Chris Patten yester-day urged John Major to repeat the party's highly successful "Double Labour over tax and the economy on the eve of the last par-liamentary session before the

with the Tories boosted by a new NOP poll showing Labour's lead narrowing, Mr Patten, who masterminded the 1992 campaign before becoming governor of Hong Kong, insisted that the econo-

Asked whether the Tories could restore the link be-tween economic and political Breakfast With Frost "If I was either Tony Blair or John Major that would be the issue that would most interest me. And if I was John Major I would be trying to ensure that the umbilical link still existed. If I was Tony Blair I would be trying to make sure that it didn't."

should capitalise on Mr Blair's unwillingness to

reveal his party's tax plans disappointing returns in the until nearer the election.

Labour will this week chalcise. Mr Blair is determined

Labour will this week chal-lenge John Major to hold the election as soon as possible, despite the Tories' claims of a breakthrough in the NOP poil, which claims Labour's lead over the Conservatives is at its lowest for nearly three

Our message will be that it is time the people were given the chance to elect a proper Government with a proper legislative programme, rather than the ragbag of proposals we'll get in the Queen's Speech on Wednesday," a senior Labour source said.

The speech, setting out the Government's legislative pro-gramme for the forthcoming session, will be centred around five main bills, with many of the proposals announced at the Conservative Party conference relegated to green and white papers. But after what they cou-sider to be a highly successful

conference, Tory strategists are confident that Labour's lead will shrink further. The Tories were further boosted by Labour's need for an emergency drive to en-

more than 50 per cent to prove he has his party's fullbacking. Ballot papers were sent to

to get the ballot turnout to

the party's 400,000 members at the end of its Blackpool conference, asking them to ment's five key policy pledges. But so far, two out bothered to vote and thou-sands have voted against in what appears to be a leftwing attempt to sabotage Mr

Labour's deputy leader.
John Prescott, and general London telephone banks where canvassers will comfact party members to remind them to vote before the October 31 deadline. Yesterday Mr Prescott said:

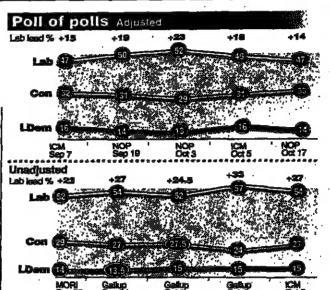
vote. And we are asking for support in a way that we haven't done before". Deny ing suggestions that it was an emergency exercise, he said: courage party members to mum turnout and that support Tony Blair's Road to requires people to be the Manifesto document after

Poil boost leaves Tories suffering from premature exhilaration

THE Conservatives would be well-advised not to get too excited about opinion polls in the Sunday papers suggesting they have slashed the Labour Party's lead to a

three-year low.
The Labour lead of 14 points reported yesterday is the lowest recorded by NOP in three years but is not significantly out of line with recent adjusted polls and is not the lowest Labour lead in the last three months, never mind the last three years. Of course it could be the start of a Tory revival, but so could any month-on-month drop in the Labour lead.

Certainly, Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, will have every reason to feel relieved at the NOP poll in yesterday's Sunday Times



But NOP's previous poll was taken on October 3 — the day after the Hamilton sleaze row and Tony Blair's Blackpool conference speech hit the headlines. When the October 3 poll is taken out, all the

poll in August gave Labour a lead of only 12 points. The NOP poll is the first

taken since the Conservatives

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RUST and rot are threatening Southport Pier (above), the second longest in Britain and the inspiration for dozens of Victorian cast-iron seaside fantasies, writes Martyn Halsall. The Grade II listed structure, which be watermark of seaside pier construction, faces demolition without significant lottery funding.

sman for the National Piers Society, Martin Easedown, speaking about the crisis facing the 136-year-old corroding giant, said: "Southport Pier is now the most threatened of all."

Mike Swift, spokesman for the Southport Pier Trust, said that without a £2.7 million heritage lottery fund

contribution towards the £3.7 million renovation programme "it's literally the end of the pier. It's not brink-manship; this is make or break time for a famous landmark. It's got past putting sticking plaster over the

are no sick jokes

Widow dismisses bill plan 999 call howlers

Sperm row woman pins hopes on court battle rather than MPs

IANE Blood, the wid-ow fighting to have her dead husband's baby, last night poured cold water on speculation that a Private Members Bill would clear the way for her to have her wish. She said it was "fantastic"

think it will help me.' Following press reports that the Government would not oppose a bill, "everybody's ringing up and saying 'congratulations, you've won' but it's far from that," she said from her home in Worksop. Nottinghamshire.

A bill could be introduced in the Lords by the fertility expert Lord Winston, or in the Commons by the Labour news that a bill was likely to MP Joan Lester. A Depart-be introduced, but added: "It ment of Health spokesman will help others, but I don't said the Government would

not oppose a bill, but would take a "neutral" line. But even if the general election does not intervene, the limited time available for Private Members' Bills means that a bill would have little chance of getting through without active government

On Friday the High Court rejected Mrs Blood's challenge to a refusal by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to allow her to be inseminated with sperm taken from her husband, Stephen, as he lay in a coma 18 months ago, because he had not given written con-

Mrs Blood, aged 30, said her case would be won or lost in the Appeal Court, not in Parliament, and vowed to con-tinue her appeal. Her lawyers hope it will be heard next Her solicitor, Richard

Stein, pointed out that there was nothing in law to stop the authority holding a meeting tomorrow and changing directions it made under the act banning the export of Stephen Blood's sperm. Unlike the ban in the act on use of the sperm in Britain, the prohibition on export was made by the au-thority, not by Parliament, and could be changed in the

John Ezard THE man who called an

ambulance because he had an eyelash stuck in one eye steps out of the pages of urban folk myth into real life today.

So does the woman who dialled 999 because she felt dizzy after driving round a roundabout . . . and the child alarmed at "green liq-uid coming out of his nose when he blows it".

In the last two years all three have been logged as "inappropriate callers" in report sheets of the London Ambulance Service, which has voiced official concern about the number of unnec ssary calls. With 27 other new items

in the annals of hypochondria and domestic drama they have been collected by London ambulanceman | 25-stone male wants Dave Glanville, for a new crew to wipe his bottom be-book of NHS mishaps, mis-cause he cannot reach.

so if you consider they take up time from other genu inely needed calls." The examples - collated from reports by ambulance

staff at Whipps Cross, north-east London, and cases sent to the service's staff magazine — include: • Male with toilet paper stuck up nose;

 Male, 31, who has been to the dentist twice this week and every time he goes to the toilet he gets a burning pain in his testicles and back passage;

My legs are all sweaty;
 Sneezed whilst on toilet.

• Took one tablet four years ago, body now looks disfigured in the mirror; Male had face slapped; · Pemale saw a mouse wants crew to catch it;

15-year-old can't get her earring out;

News in brief

Terminally ill man found murdered

POLICE last night appealed for help to trace the killer of a terminally ill man who was found tied up and shot only hours after being released from hospital to spend his last days at home. Det Insp Alan Gimes said the murder of Jeremy Debonnaire, aged 45, was an "appalling attack" on a man severely debilitated by a respiratory disorder who would not have been

able to offer any resistance.

Inspector Gimes said: "This is one of the worst killings that I have ever encountered. Force was used that was completely unnecessary because the victim was almost too weak to walk. He knew he was dying and had been released home so that he

cold pass away in peace."

Mr Debonnaire was found tied up and shot at his home in Bearsted, Kent, on Friday night by a friend who had called to see him. Police said they could find no motive for the kill-

£11m drugs seized at Dover

CUSTOMS officers have seized smuggled drugs with a street value of more than £11 million, it was disclosed yesterday. The drugs were found early on Saturday by Customs and Excise officers at Dover, Kent, in a lorry being driven by a Belgian. Frank Jack Morris Smets, aged 29, from Zigmund, was detained after 12 kilos of cocaine, 80 kilos of excisey, 90 kilos of amphetamines and 300 kilos of corporable recip were discovered in the amines and 390 kilos of cannabis resin were discovered in the back of his lorry. They would have had a street value of more than £11 million, a Customs and Excise spokesman sald.

It is understood that Mr Smets had driven from Italy on

Thursday with a cargo of refrigerators for delivery in Holland today, but paid £600 for the ferry crossing and used the lorry to ransport the drugs to Dover. It is thought that his employers knew nothing of the drugs. He will appear before Dover magis-trates today. A further £2 million worth of various drugs was seized by customs officers at Dover at the weekend.

MP's plea on Maze escaper

ULSTER Unionist MP Ken Maginnis is to raise in the House of Commons the case of an IRA terrorist who escaped from The Maze prison in the mass break-out of 1983 and is living openly at Sligo, in the Republic. He will also raise the matter with the Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, and the Irish foreign minister, Dick Spring, at the multi-party talks in Belfast today. Last night police in Belfast would say only that they wanted to interview Dermot McNally, aged 39, who was serving three life sentences for IRA-related offences before the escape.

A senior RUC officer said they would apply for McNally to be extradited to Northern Ireland, but he did not hold out much hope of success. Two other escapers, James Clarke and Dermot Finucane, were freed by Ireland's supreme court in Dublin in 1990 after they claimed they could face violence from prison officers in the North if they were banded over. — Kevin Kelly

Benefits of redundancy

MANY workers made redundant feel loss of employment has brought them closer to their families, according to a survey. This upside to an otherwise traumatic experience is most keenly felt in the South of England, where 60 per cent of those interviewed said redundancy had had a positive effect on family relationships. In the North the figure dropped to 30 per cent, according to the nationwide Annual Family Survey, which examines the effect of job loss upon family relationships and general state of mind. Tony Gould, managing director of Drake Beam Morin, the career management consultants that conducted the survey, said he was puzzled by the difference in attitude between North and South.

The survey of 18 redundant people across the UK revealed 43 per cent were doing more household chores and 25 per cent were contributing more to the care of their children.

Aberfan disaster recalled

VILLAGERS in Abertan, Mid Glamorgan, will hold a candlelit vigil today to mark the 30th anniversary of the disaster which wiped out a generation of children. Parents and relatives of the 116 youngsters killed when a coal tip collapsed on their school will gather to lay flowers on the victims' graves.

Lottery rollover

THERE were no winners of last week's £9.8 million National Lottery jackpot, so it will roll over to a predicted £20 million next

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Entertainment

five year-old boy on a rail-way line in Merseysidehas prompted calls for improved trackside security and greater vigilance by parents. found on the New Brighton to Liverpool line near Birken-

on the scene, was electrocuted after touching a live rail.

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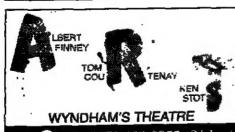
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New chief backs Nato

A crisis threatens his pet project but Germany's leader basks in adulation from the party, writes lan Traynor in Hanover

King Kohl ignores crown of thorns

James Meek in Moscow

USSIA'S new security chief, Ivan Rybkin, ap-peared to signal a shift towards a less hostile Krem-lin stance on Nato enlargement yesterday in one of his first interviews since replacing Alexander Lebed.

Mr Rybkin, a politically moderate civilian, was appointed security council sec-retary by President Boris Yeltsin on Saturday.

Speaking on the radio station Echo Moskvy yesterday, Mr Rybkin said: "It is impossible to imagine Europe without a system of collective security, which must be, necessarily, with the participation of the United States." Most Russian policymakers

still see Nato as an anachronism, and advocate its replacement by an all-Euro-pean system based on the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Mr Rybkin also challenged the East-West confrontation on which Russia's military deployment is still largely "Now there is a real threat from the south," he said, presumably referring to militant Islamics, adding that it threatened European as well as Russian security.

Mr Rybkin with stewardship of the Chechen peace process fore his sacking last week.

"The Khasavyurt 'peace' accord reached by Alexander Lebed was a great and impor-tant deed. I am against those who wish to overturn it," Mr

Rybkin said.
Though the separatist movement bitterly regrets the departure of Gen Lebed, whom they trusted as a man prepared to fight in the Krem-lin for peace, they will be relieved by his replacement's

relative neutrality. Sources at the Russian headquarters in Chechenia terday that troop withdrawals would continue as scheduled.

Mr Rybkin, aged 50, is a left-leaning centrist with an agrarian background. He chaired the lower house of parliament, the Duma, from early 1994 to late 1995. Gen Lebed was scathing about his successor, saying the security council would

"turn into a quiet bureaucratic office that no one will This is exactly what Rus-

than 1,000 of the party faithful, a week before he becomes Germany's longest-serving post-war chancellor, despite a budgetary fiasco that threatens to undermine his pet project of European integration. The budget emergency and

morning by more

its potential to wreck the proposed single European cur-rency will not be allowed to ully his rapturous reception. Since the government last month presented its draft budget for next year — the benchmark year for the single currency — there have been regular disclosures of poor arithmetic, gaping financial holes and hastily revised paint a picture of a coalition

in disarray, panicking to cob-ble together the figures that would qualify Germany for single-currency membership. The climax last week saw arguments over proposed increases in value-added and petrol taxes, the abandon-ment of plans to freeze child benefit from next year, and a cahinet II-turn on a pledge to cut the "solidarity tax" levied to fund the rebuilding of east-

Despite a tight budget, across-the-board departmental cuts and an unprecedented austerity package cutting benefits, welfare and pen-sions, the sums still do not add up. An optimistic estimate is that another DM4 billion (£1.7 billion) needs to be saved if Germany is to make

the grade next year. No sooner was most of the austerity package pushed through parliament last month than ministers announced that further austerity was needed. But already it



German eyes will be on Helmut Kohl as he heads for re-election as party leader and prepares to break the record as the longest-serving post-war chancellor

cit for this year will rise by 0.5 per cent to about 4 per cent of gross domestic product, 33 per cent beyond the single currency ceiling of 3 per cent. Although European union is Mr Kohl's paramount political goal, and although he views the single currency as a

the budgetary shambles that had opposition leaders blaming him for "financial chaos". Certainly little criticism will be heard in Hanover over the next couple of days.

In the congress hall this morning, 1,100 Christian key step to greater integra. Democrats will prostrate month Mr Kohl, aged 66, will

tion, he appears unfazed by themselves before the most overtake Konrad Adenauer to stands again in 1998, wins the the budgetary shambles that formidable election-winning become the longest-serving general election, takes the machine in Europe, and for the 12th time elect Mr Kohl as

party leader.
"The party is my home," he said at the weekend, relishing a 24th year as their head. On the last day of this

post-war chancellor. At the beginning of the month he celebrated his ascent to power 14 years ago, and a few days later marked the sixth anniversary of the German unifi-

general election, takes the chancellery to Berlin and governs until 2002, he will go down in history as the longest-ever chancellor, surpass-ing Bismarck's 19 years. "The Eternal Chancellor",

beamed the normally critical

deference of the media. The chancellor has appeared on chat shows to be spared any problems. His memoirs ghost-written by two loyal journalists, were issued to wide acciain. But it is not only Germa

who are awed. On Thursday night it was the turn of the

Italian prime minister. Roma-no Prodi, to be a supplicant at the court of King Kohl. The Italian leader came to Bonn seeking the benediction of Europe's most powerful politician. Two days earlier it was the Spanish prime miniser, José Maria Aznar, on a similar mission, seeking Mr fiscal and economic policies. In a single week last month Mr Kohl hosted separate talks with France's president, Jac-ques Chirac, the American secretary of state, Warren Christopher, the Russian for-eign minister, Yevgeny Pri-makov, and was also the only Western leader to visit the ail

ing Boris Yelisin. But amid the Kohi worship isolated critical voices can in-creasingly be heard. The Social Democrat, Peter Gloiz, complained at the weekend of the barrage of "new Mr Kohl's career. Munich's Speddeutsche Zeitung spoke of a chancellor who was "rul ing but not governing". And while two of every three Ger mans polled thought he was a good chancellor, less than half wanted him to stand

"Kohi is a strong chancel-lor, but not a great one," wrote the Berlin comments tor Peter Bender. "He just keeps dragging on. As the problems mount and he fails to tackle them, it is going to

Newt Gingrich refuses to play second fiddle



the campaign trail

facing a rout in next month's elections by threatening vesterday to resign his post as the party's leader in Congress and possibly quit politics altogether. Mr Gingrich, who

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politics, said that if the dumb things, really leftwing Republicans lost their major-socialism," he told the Guard-Republicans lost their major-ity in the House of Representhe Speaker's chair, he would step down.

with a narrow lead in elections for the House. hailed two years ago as the they'll be so liberal that you'll

Polls show the Democrats

district. "That'll be an opposition kind of job and I'm not very interested in opposition." He said he had led the the House before and would rather someone with

'younger and fresher ideas'

ian during a weekend cam-

Mr Gingrich refused to comment on a claim by a Republican consultant, John Ellis, that he had privately told his financial supporters last week that he would resign his Georgia seat if the Republicans lost their

majority.
"I think I'm going to get re-elected, and I think I'm going to be Speaker," he said yester-day. "You're asking a hypothetical [question] about a sit-uation that's not going to

He made his remarks as Republican anxiety grew that its presidential candidate,

HE scandal surround-

ing questionable dona-tions to President Clin-

ton's re-election campaign

gained momentum at the weekend when the Demo-

cratic Party announced

that it had returned \$20,000 (£13,000) to a Miami co-caine smuggler.

Its national committee said it did not know until

last week that Jorge Ca-brera had a criminal record

when he made the donation

and was now serving a 19-

The latest CNN/USA Today | even gaining ground in the | the partial shutdown of the poll has Mr Dole trailing Pres- | conservative strongholds of | federal government last year. ident Clinton by 23 points start of the campaign.

Even last week's allegations of illegal financial links between the White House and Indonesian big business so-called character issue seem to have made no impact.

'That'll be an opposition kind of job and I'm not very interested in opposition'

The latest poll found more Americans believe Mr Clinton has the character to be president than Mr Dole. Republican candidates in

the 469 House and Senate seats are suffering as a result: polls show the Democrats

months later after a raid

kilos of cocaine.

which netted nearly 2,700

"Obviously, we had no idea that Mr Cabrera was a

drug trafficker," a party spokeswoman said.

the embarrassing questions President Clinton already

foreign businessmen. His Republican rival, Bob

Dole, has seized on the issue and said in a radio

The disclosure added to

Mr Gingrich appears to be feeling the pressure too. He spent the weekend in the suburbs of north Atlanta - Georgia's sixth district — suggest-ing that he thinks his seat is

His two London-style double-decker buses, packed with volunteers, stopped to let him knock on doors in the wealthy neighbourhoods of Sandy Springs and Windward. It looked a perfunctory effort: he signed a little girl's "Newt" T-shirt and when she tried to thank him he was already looking the other way.
"I like campaigning, but it's

not something I do as a hobby," he said, contrasting himself with Mr Clinton, who is a compulsive campaigner. "He's more people-oriented than I am, and I'm probably more idea-oriented than he is, more big picture," he said.

He admitted that he - as much as Mr Dole - was responsible for the Republicans'

Cabrera made the contri-bution in November last has been filled by foreign year. He was arrested two political money." tedly from monks who had taken a vow of poverty.

Mr Huang is a former US

Mr Dole and other Repub-

lican leaders have sug-

gested that government pol-

icy towards Indonesia may

have been influenced by al-most \$1 million in cam-

paign contributions from the family of an Indonesian billionaire, Mochtar Riady.

Mr Clinton's links with the Riady family go back to the early 1980s when Mr

Riady's son James ran a fi-

nance company in Little Rock, Arkansas.

On Friday the Democratic national committee said it

had suspended a senior offi-cial with links to Mr Riady

from fundraising duties

while a federal panel inves-tigates whether he had

sought improper contribu-tions. John Huang is al-

leged to have procured an filegal \$250,000 contribu-tion from a South Korean

company which the party was later forced to return.

candidates are running television advertisements linking rich in an attempt to damage

"It's a deliberate strategy of "They had to break the mes senger because they couldn't beat the message."

Mr Gingrich's most immediate problem is Democrat Michael Coles, a seif-made millionaire fighting for his seat. Mr Coles, who is spend-ing up to \$2 million (£1.3 million) of his own money, says local people "are more inter-ested in having a listener

than a Speaker". Mr Gingrich dismisses his rival as a "millionaire who needs a new hobby", but Mr Coles's success in turning his Great American Cookie Company into a \$100 million business and his record of local philanthropy have won admirers.

To underline the point, he

government trade official who previously worked for

Mr Riady's Lippo group. He

was regarded as a fundrais-ing star but the questions

raised about the millions of

dollars contributed by asso-

ciates of the Riady family

have made him a something of a political embarrassment.

In a television interview

yesterday Mr Dole's run-

ning-mate, Jack Kemp,

hammered away at the pres-ident's links with Mr Riady.

"Who knows what promises he made to the Indonesian

influence-peddlers? He has

Dole was resorting to "negative attacks" because he

was so far behind in the

ground check on everyone

"You can't do a back-

yet to tell us," he said. The White House chief of staff, Leon Panetta, said Mr

deep unpopularity, most no-tably because of his role in at every campaign stop. Bob Dole, is dragging the en-tire party to defeat. with a healthy lead over the has been handing out cookies Republicans, and they are Democrats return more dirty money

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Chirac's peace proposal dismissed ahead of visit

Israel rejects role for Europe in talks

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

CALL by Jacques Chirac for a stronger European role in the Middle East peace process was briskly rejected yesterday by Israel on the eve of the French president's already controversial visit.

The Israeli foreign minis-ter, David Levy, said it was "inconceivable" that an outside mediator could take part in peace negotiations. But he concaded: "Europe is an important element in encouraging and helping everything around the negotiations, in strengthening the economy, and we co-operate with it." and we co-operate with it."

The prime minister, Binya-min Netanyahu, pointed out that the United States was already playing a key role in talks between Israel and the Palestinians. "I don't think at this time in such sensitive ne-gotiations it would be wise to introduce another interlocutor." he said.

President Chirac is unlikely to be deterred. In Damascus on Saturday he firmly by French diplomats was that staked a claim to a place for this is to be an "official"

Europe — and France — in regional peacemaking.

"France and Europe must stand by the parties [to the negotiations] as sources of friendship and proposals, and not say mere representations."

Trather than "state" visit, and so a trip to the Knesset was not strictly necessary.

More controversy loomed in the proposal that the accompanying French foreign

not as mere partners for reconstruction. It is time for Europe to co-sponsor this pro-cess as well," he said.

cess as well," he said.
But after the warmth of his reception in Syria on the first leg of his five-country tour.
President Chirac is likely to feel a diplomatic chill in Isman where the rightwing rael, where the rightwing government has scarcely bothered to hide its irritation with his approach.
Even before Mr Chirac has landed, there have been spats

over his programme.
One was quietly and diplomatically smothered yester-day when it became known that the president would. after all, visit the Knesset (parliament) — but stay in the VIP gallery. There had been attacks from parliamentari-

ans over his original plan to

address the Palestinian coun-

cil but not the Knesset. The ingenious explanation by French diplomats was that

companying French foreign minister, Herve de Charette, should meet Palestinian officials in Orient House, the de facto headquarters of the PLO

in East Jerusalem. This, for the Israelis, is a red-rag issue. That dispute was elegantly defused when President Chirac decided not to bring his foreign minister but to send a junior health minister, Hervé Gaymard, to Orient House for talks on what are euphemistically described as

"bealth matters".

One obstacle to diplomatic harmony remains to be cleared. President Chirac would dearly like to fly to his next port of call, Jordan, from the new Palestinian airport near Rafab, at the south end of the Gaza Strip. But Israel has yet to approve security arrangements at the airport which has become one of the main sticking points among negotiators trying to revive the moribund Israel-PLO



Taliban fighters watch shells landing near their position north of Kabul yesterday. Rival forces led by Ahmed Shah Massoud are advancing on the capital PHOTOGRAPH: SANTIAGO LYON

Taliban laws 'will drive women to prostitution'

Jonathan Steele in Kabul

N OUTSPOKEN warr An OUTSTORM
ing that Afghan
women will be driven to prostitution unless they recover the right to work has been delivered to the Taliban authorities by a

senior Kabul academic. Sidiqa Sidiq, professor of architecture and engineer-ing at the Kabul Polytech-nic Institute, is seeking international publicity for her statement, the first such appeal to the Taliban since they captured Kabul and ordered women to give up work and cover themselves in full-length veils. Addressing her "Muslim brothers and sisters". Dr Sidiq says: "Let us get to-gether and rise up against those who, in the name of Islam, are usurping the rights that were given to us by Almighty God. We have to fight against them in the

"We have to stand up and teach them that Muslim women in Islamic society have social, political, and other rights."

She urges Afghan women to be determined and expect no help from abroad, and reminds them of the way the communists be-trayed Afghanistan to the Soviet Union, and how the shoulders."

mojahedin who replaced the communists insulted women's dignity. "Sisters, we kept quiet

and put up with it all, hoping that our valiant brothers would defend us. But they had already for-gotten us, and now put new pressure on us by means of the veil, hoping to prove they are Muslims."

After pointing out that the

Prophet Mohammed's wife Khadija was the first person to accept Islam, and that the first Islamic martyr was

also a woman, she turns to the Taliban themselves. "Brothers, I call on you to listen to the voices of your suffering sisters and mothers. What you are doing now will bring ca-lamity, corruption and immorality to Islamic society.

"For the last 18 years all Afghan women have suf-Afghan women have suf-fered socially and economi-cally. They have to support their families and society, morally as well as materi-ally. If you deprive them from holding solid and de-cent jobs and stop them get-ting education they will be-compelled to resort to imcompelled to resort to im-moral activity to rescue

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Kabul within rocket range

Jonathan Steele in Kabul

NTI-TALIBAN forces loyal to Ahmed Shah Massoud, the former defence minister, pushed to a position around 12 miles north of Kabul yesterday and hit the city's international airport with a rocket, signalling that the capital has come within artillery range.

But there was no sign of any mass retreat by Taliban forces, although some com-manders seemed unusually The rocket attack prompted

a sudden exodus of aircraft. Witnesses counted five planes belonging to the country's civilian carrier taking off in rapid succession, apparently to escape damage. However, another transport aircraft

intermittently firing rockets at the Massoud lines. On Fri- | ceasefire starting today.

day evening the Taliban lost control of the base, which is around 35 miles north-east of Kabul But their guns and rocket-launchers command the arid plain between Ba-gram and the capital.

It remains unclear whether Commander Massoud's forces will try to storm Kabul. Ear-lier, they called for the city to be de-militarised under United Nations protection. fearing that the Taliban, if driven out, could set up on the southern edge of the capital and shell it as they did some months ago. Pakistan, the Taliban's

main foreign backer, has urged them to accept the offer of a negotiated settlement with a joint administration run by the Taliban, Cmdr Massoud and General Abdul another transport aircraft landed an hour later.

Meanwhile, on a road beween the capital and the Baram military air basa Tali

gram military air base, Tali-ban forces were Pakistani interior minister, Gen Dostam has proposed a

Toxin warnings 'ignored by US Gulf commanders'

Philii Shenon in Prague

CZECH soldiers whose sole responsibility during the Gulf war was chemical detection say that United States military commanders were repeatedly warned that sensitive equipment had identified Iraqi-made chemicals on the battlefield, and that the toxins

were waiting over unprotec-ted American troops.

The soldiers, whose training in chemical detection is considered among the best in the world, said their teams patrolling the northern Saudi Arabian desert in January 1991 were convinced that minute amounts of nerve gas detected in the early days of the war had come from bombed Iraqi chemical plants.

But combat logs show that US commanders told their troops to disregard the Czech

warnings.
The Czech experience raises fresh doubts about the Pentagon's largely dismissive attitude towards US soldiers who | worse. - New York Times.

say they have fallen ill because of exposure to chemical or biological weapons. Vaclav Hlavac, a retired chief warrant officer, said

that even as the Czechs pulled on their gas masks and chem-ical warfare suits. Americans stationed a few hundred feet away remained unprotected. Mr Hlavac said he had suffered respiratory problems since the war, and lost all his upper teeth. Another Czech, Jan Huzan, died last year of gastric cancer, convinced that it was caused by his wartime

exposure to chemicals.
Antonin Baudys, the defence minister in 1993 when the Czech government revealed that its Gulf war teams had detected the nerve gas Sarin, said he was con-vinced that the Czech detections were accurate and that they were reported almost instantly to the US.

Mr Baudys, who left the ministry two years ago, said dozens of Czech soldiers had fallen ill, and were getting



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Agenda for the second fifty

Reforming the United Nations UNITED NATIONS Day this week will not be so memorable as the one last year. October 24, 1995 marked exactly half a century since the UN Charter

entered into force, and it is the custom to pay proper attention to 50th birthdays. This Thursday will be the 51st, which is thought to be much less interesting, and the occasion is regrettably likely to pass by in the semioblivion to which UN affairs are usually confined.

Yet there is no shortage of crucial issues in need of debate and decision. Today a big one surfaces in the Security Council, which has to fill the five "non-permanent" vacancies falling due on January 1 next year. Only one of these geographically-based positions (Kenya for Africa) is uncontested. The challengers include Costa Rica v Bolivia for the Latin American seat and, in the heavy-weight league, India v Japan for Asia. But the biggest vacancy will not be discussed at all, though it too has to be filled by the New Year.

The re-election of the UN Secretary-General for the customary second term has been blocked by the US ever since it first threatened to use the veto in May. Rumours of a compromise allowing a shorter extension are being denied. Boutros Boutros-Ghali may have disappointed many people by his hesitant and inconsistent performance. But Washington's claim to have an overriding right to choose his successor upsets many more. Now the issue is not even being discussed: it has to wait in the queue of urgent international business till after the US presidential election. Meanwhile the US owes the UN more than one billion dollars in back dues, so it is not hard to guess who will win the argument.

Even further off the agenda are a whole range of proposals for UN reform, including some from the Secretary-General's "Agenda for Peace" which the Security Council requested in 1992 but ever since then has ignored. They include the reform and expansion of the Council itself whose permanent membership is a glaring international anachronism. A working group was set up three years ago but there is no sign of agreement. Proposals for a UN standing force and an expanded role for the UN Military Staff Committee both envisaged in the Charter — are barely being discussed. Nor is the case for a UN Economic and Social Security Council to enable global action on matters which are now left to the piecemeal and partial approach of institutions such as the IMF and the World

Behind the indifference of governments to the UN lies the unawareness of peoples. Public opinion is neither educated nor encouraged to have a view. Yet as the late Erskine Childers, a former official and tireless campaigner for the UN, said in his last speech, the organisation will only work well when "ordinary citizens as well as the privileged" are informed and active on its behalf. The Forum for UN Renewal (which Mr Childers helped set up) will be lobbying parliament on Thursday with some practical ideas. These include rejoining UNESCO, appointing a fulltime Minister for the UN, and including its history in the national curriculum. So there is something to do on UN Day even if it is not a round-number anniversary.

Led into temptation

Politicians should beware religion

MORE than four out of every five people in this country claim to believe in God. Yet only one in six of us is a member of a Christian church and only one in nine adults attends a regular religious service of any kind. Most of these figures, moreover, have been falling steadily for decades. The majority of people may have faith of some sort, but this is not a country unified by a common religion, church or even, nowadays, by a set of shared rituals.

Over the years, our politicians have adapted pragmatically to this gradual decline. They have gone with the flow of religious decline, rather than fought against it. Partly as a result, modern British politics is freer from religious controversy than at any time in our history (and a good thing too), although there are exceptions (many but not all of them in Northern Ireland). In the same spirit and wisely, our politicians do not, by and large, try to preach too much morality. The typical British politician is respectful rather than committed

towards religion. Sensibly so. There is very little evidence of any religious revival

in Britain today. If anything, the contrary. Yet paradoxically this is now an age of religious politicians. Like so much else in modern British life, the phenomenon owes something to the conflicts stirred up by Mrs Thatcher. Yet Tony Blair (and before him John Smith) was a regular churchgoer long ago, as are others on the Labour front bench. For the Conservatives, John Gummer has combined a political career with an active involvement in the Church, as has the Liberal Democrat deputy leader (and Methodist preacher) Alan Beith. Now, with the publication of Roy McCloughry's book Belief in Politics (a series of interviews with contemporary party politicians), the list in all parties is notably extended. Among those who have revealed the depth of their faith in Mr McCloughry's collection are John Major, who says in the book that he prays in all circumstances, and Paddy Ashdown, who says that he prays every night.

The relationship between religion and politics will be scrutinised from the opposite angle today, when the Catholic bishops publish their much-trailed document on social teaching. There will be some indignation against the bishops for dabbling in things which, supposedly, they are imperfectly qualified to assess. But politicians need to be careful to ensure that the equivalent criticism cannot also be laid against them. Our politicians are being increasingly tempted into making competitive declarations which, however sincerely intended, they are powerless to put into practice. This is not just vain. It is also politically hazardous territory, as Mr Major, with his Back to Basics experi-

ence, is particularly well-placed to understand. Politicians beware. Our tolerant scepticism towards religion is one of this country's strengths, not one of its weaknesses. We do not need a religious revival, least of all of the evangelical kind which pollutes American politics (Mr Gummer talked good sense on that point yesterday). Individual politicians are unconditionally entitled to their faith, but politicians should never delude themselves into thinking that they are priests -



Letters to the Editor

and prose

WHAT has Barbara Follett done to deserve the wrath of the Guardian? There are frequent venomous refer-ences to her in the Bel Little-john column and now an entire two-page spread devoted to "outing" her as a wealthy woman whose name is not known by everyone in Stevenage (Barbara's patch, October 16). I am tired of everyone in I am tired of everyone in Labour Party who owns a pair of socks being called a "champagne socialist" and everyone who brushes their hair in the morning being de-scribed as having been Deborah Gardiner.

Wrax House, Wrax Road, Brading, Isle of Wight.

WAS saddened to learn (Days of wine and Rosie, Oc-tober 19) that, despite having overcome her drink problem, Rosie Boycott can "often be spotted peddling away at the

local gym".

I hope she does not receive too harsh a sentence for this activity, and will soon be able to resume her editorship of the Sindie. Sue Brearley.

MARGARET Thatcher was lour most unpatriotic Prime Minister, favouring the interests of the US over those of the UK. Hence it is no surprise to learn that, while Rolls-Royce was forbidden to supply spare parts to the Argentine navy, M16 were ar-ranging for an American firm to supply copies.
(Dr) J R Manning.

63 St Crispians. E Sussex BN25 2DY.

SAMUEL Pepys recorded in 1660 what might also stand as an epitaph for the dying days of the present Tory majority: "Boys now cry 'Kiss my Parliament' instead of 'Kiss my arse', so great and eneral a contempt is the Rump come to among all men, good and bad." Dr) TBM Screech. 23 Finsbury Park Road,

OU CLAIM that "the move I into Germany will make that country M&S's main European market". Still fog in the Channel, it seems. David Beattie. Chester CH1 4AN.

Politics, pedals Sperm and the Bloods

and Embryology Authand Embryology Authority's solicitor, described it as a "public body, funded by the taxpayer" (Widow's anger at sperm case deal, October-19). This is only partially true. According to its last published accounts, one third of its income was a government grant. Much of the rest comes from licensing — a eucomes from licensing — a eucomes. comes from licensing — a eu-phemism for a tax levied by phemism for a tax levied by the HFEA on patients under-going a procedure requiring its licence. Indeed, if she wins her case, Diane Blood will pay £10 to the HFEA for each cycle of artificial insemina-tion. Women undergoing IVF are charged £40 per treatment cycle. In effect, women under-going licensed infertility going licensed infertility treatment pay for the HFEA to refuse it to others it deems nappropriate.

Dr Naomi Pfeffer. University of North London, 62-66 Highbury Grove, London N5 2AD.

HAT sort of law is it that decides that a woman cannot have her husband's child after his death when child after his death when there would have been nothing to stop her giving away made a speech about New London E9.

RAHAM Miles, the his heart and lungs, his kid-Human Fertilisation neys and eyes to complete strangers without his written consent? To argue, as some have, that it is not in the interests of society to encourage one-parent families is paternalistic in the extreme. Had Diane Blood been pregnant at the time of her husband's death, would they now be sug-gesting that her child be taken away from her? Marianne Rigge. Director, College of Health, 21 Old Ford Road,

> OULD all men who wish to have children be advised to carry a sperm donor card in case they are struck down before they have be-come fathers? I find the reported comments of Ruth Deech, the HFEA chairwoman, appallingly arrogant:
> "Hard cases make bad law"?
> No, madam, on this occasion, bad law makes a hard case. Martyn Cornell. Oakley Close, isleworth,

Middlesex TW7.

Labour's new social morality I am rather surprised that New Labour is not at the forefront of calling for a legisla-tive change to allow Diane Blood and other to have children without the interference

of the judiciary. Tom Mottershead.

F Stephen Blood did not give consent for the HFEA to offer his own wife the use of his sperm, I should not imagine that anyone else can use it. So what was the point of taking it in the first place? I would be very interested to know what the HFEA intends doing with Mr Blood's sperm. Jackie Rigden. Ardleigh Road, London N1.

WHAT has happened to death with dignity? Would Mr Blood really wish that, in his unconscious, help-less state, close to death, his body be intimately raided of that which is supposed to be donated as the ultimate act of

A resounding No vote for the Referendum Party

spend their time entertaining xenophobic notions of cul-tural supremacy while cling-ing to an outdated view of Britain's place in the world (Not guilty, Sir James, Octo-ber 16).

Their often faint grasp of

reality is clearly shown by Edward Fox who, it was claimed, would address the conference on how plebiscites are part of the British politi-cal culture. As any A level politics student could inform Mr Fox, there has only been one British referendum in the 1970s, over the REC. The only other referenda were those in Wales and Scotland over the devolution issue. The whole concept of parliamentary sovereignty predisposes this nation away from reference.

It is most unfortunate that in the growing climate of inter-dependence, both economically and politically, a few rich individuals can indulge their old-fashioned views at the expense of in-formed and enlightened de-bate. For the ideals of a further united and integrated

THE Referendum Party is a Europe to be realised, we rather quaint selection of must move away from viewindividuals who choose to ing the EU as a union of bankers and businessmen and move to a common playing field in social issues and workers rights so the benefits of European unity can be felt across the board. Jason Thomas Williams Neuadd Rosser, University of Wales,

> THANK you for publishing the Referendum Party's advertisement showing the faces of the European Union commissioners who really call the shots in Britain. They look a much nicer lot than anything on offer here— including Sir James Gold-John Partington. 28 High Road. Derbyshire DE55 7LX

> letters, and a telephone numb We may edit letters: shorter We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used

Lobbied

THE news that the lobbying company GJW has been hired by Colonel Gadafy highlights another aspect of lobby ing which Parliament has ne glected (Gadafy hires image experts, October 17). In the US, GJW would have had to register their work for a foreign government with Congress under threat of criminal sanction. In Britain, we simply have no idea who is doing what work for foreign govern-

ments or their agencies.

There is nothing wrong with foreign governments hiring professional help to promote their interests. The ly gets in the cintment where such activity is opaque. A full register of lobbyists and their clients, policed by a beefed-up Office of Parliamentary Stan-dards, would bring all such matters into the full light of day. By neglecting its duty to regulate such activity, Parlianent risks more scandal. Tom McNally.

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A checklist for anarchists

dictable frequency in the press (How the eco-dream ended in anarchy, October 16). The green movement in all but its most conservative forms has always been in-spired by anarchist ideas decentralised communities, direct democracy, appropriate technology — and it was certainly these that were in the minds of the majority of the occupiers of the Wandsworth site. Had it indeed ended in anarchy the site would have fulfilled its promise. That it

THE association of "anar-chy" with "chaos" and "violence" appears with pre-failures of that society as of society is as indicative of the failures of that society as of the limitations of the Wandsworth experiment. Steve Millett. 135b Clifton, York YO3 6BL

> LIVED at the Wandsworth eco-village for five months. Are you content to blame the alcoholics, mentally ill, social services, Guinness and stay at home? Next time, use open ac-cess to get in rather than as an excuse to stay out. Corin Levick. Kilburn Park Road.

A Country Diary

When I used to go birdwatching as a child, it was a standard ritual for one old boy to stop me on my way to the Derbyshire moors and engage me with his own ornithological reminiscences. My favourite was his pre-war recoilec-tion of the numerous cornerakes which once bred close to where we both lived. It seemed to me inconceivable that such a rare, at that time almost mythical, bird (I've still only seen it once, at one of their last British strongholds in the Outer Hebrides) could have ever been common almost on my own doorstep. Yet it would have seemed even more unbelievable had I been told that familiar birds I then took for granted would soon become, like the old man's corncrakes, largely a matter of memory. But in the last quarter century a whole range of once abundant farm-land species, like the grey partridge, linnet, corn bunt-ing, song thrush and tree sparrow, have crashed disastrously. None of these losses

grieves me more than the de-

THORPE HAMLET, Norfolk: | cline of the last. With their warm chestnut caps, nest black bibs, pure white cheeks and their diagnostic black "ear" spot tree sparrows are highly appealing in appearance. But they are also gioriously characterful birds, always sociable, always busy and usually revealing themselves with a constant, almost conversational exchange of chipping calls. Unfortunately, their population may have fallen by as much as 30 per-cent since the mid 1960s, probably because of changes in agricultural methods, especially the more intensive use of pesticides and the loss of stubble through the switch from spring-to winter-sown cereals. While the bird's current problems are now recog-nised, and while it is still very widespread and common throughout Europe, the worry must be that the agricultural improvements which caused its collapse here will eventually be replicated right across the continent, and pre-cipitate a disappearance like that of the corncrake. MARK COCKER

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Hello! It's Little England by the seaside

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Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

T WOULD be easy enough to dismiss the Referendum Party as an expensive joke. For there is something innately absurd about Sir James Goldsmith's preten-sions as self-appointed leader of a political movement with no philosophy, no policy, and no programme which he is prepared to admit except the wish to ask the British people an as yet unformulated question about European Union. The temptation to ridicule the high profile eccentrics who have rallied to Sir James's pure silk banner became almost irresistible when Freddy Forsyth joined Ed-ward Fox in support of the imprecise cause. Saturday in Brighton was The Day of Jackass. If only Geoffrey Boycott had been there to remind the "conference" that Germany had never produced a world class opening batsman. the entertainment would have been complete.

absence (presumed abroad) of Lord Lucan, it does not even have a leader in the Upper House. But it is worse than just silly. It is an example of a common political disease political vice dressed up to look like democratic cal vir-tue. Whilst it claims to stand for the "ordinary citizen's right" to determine the nation's destiny, it is pro-foundly patronising towards the men and women whom, according to the Goldsmith rhetoric, it hopes to enfranchise. The parade of gossip column personalities is the behaviour of a party that be-lieves the general public to be easily star-struck. Neither the ownership of a casino nor an affection for apes qualifies

John Aspinall to advise us on
the merits of the Maastricht Social Chapter. He was up there, in front of the conference cameras, because the Referendum Party believes

that "ordinary people" are impressed by toffs. Ordinary people will, I hope, have noticed that the

Fortunately, the Referentian founded on a calculated lie. Simpletons actually believe — dum Party is not yet powerful Last week, spokesmen were enough to be sinister. In the claiming that all the Referentian considered will of the people. dum Party wanted was a referendum — the people's historic right to choose. The outcome, they insisted, was less important than the act. But whilst we were being as-sured that "there will be Euro-federalists at Brighton", the party which had organised the day trip to the seaside was preparing an adver-tisement which attacked the principle of British member-ship of the European Union. The "official" line was that British membership should continue as long as the Union reinvents itself in a way which is acceptable to people who do not believe in the Union. Even Sir James — never held back by a surfeit of modesty — must know that the rest of Western Europe will not abandon its 50-year dream in the hope of a compli-mentary article in Hello! magzine. The Referendum Party would deserve and gain more sympathy if it said honestly that it was for Little England.

The idea that democracy is best served by asking the voters to make snap judgments on complicated hypotheses does not stand much exami-nation. The absurdity of the Referendum Party's idea is confirmed by their inability to tell us what the question on the ballot paper should be. Sir James himself, true to form, was able to reel off a dozen possibilities. But Lord McAlpine, who chaired Saturday's festivities, popped up on radio with a bright idea of his own. It is, he said, Parliament's job to draft the actual worung. 1 look forward to taking part in the debate during which 650 MPs — the people on whom, during his charm offensive. to draft the actual wording. I Sir James said he would like to vomit — argue about the composition of a single sentence. All we can be sure of is that, if it contains a single noun, the Prime Minister will insist on a plural verb. I wonder if Sir James

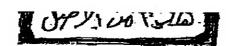
remembers the last European Referendum Party was know, some of the party's rich | the Common Market on the attact the same support. Be as well an expensive joke.

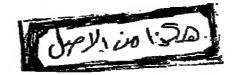
"new terms" negotiated by lieve me, the political estab-Harold Wilson's government. Iishment will carry the day. At the time, we were all des- James Goldsmith, John considered will of the people. perately anxious to keep the question simple. Some had severe initial doubts about mentioning "new terms". Then we realised that, although the people might not understand what they were, it hardly mattered. The new terms were virtually identical to the old. In any case, as we later discovered, the words on the ballot paper had little bearing on the result. Votes were cast in favour of rival personalities. Wilson, Calla-ghan, Heath, Thatcher, Steel and Jenkins were more popular than Castle, Powell, Benn and Mikardo. Exactly the same would happen if there was another referendum. There will not be a referen-

dum on monetary union until and unless the Government of the day decides that it wants to join. So, by definition, the Prime Minister will recommend a yes vote. The leaders of the opposition and the Liberal Democratic Party will Its deception is based on the referendum, the one that connotion — which, for all I firmed British membership of of British membership would

Aspinal and Geoffrey Boycott versus John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown is one of those contests which round to avoid the loser sufunnecessary punishment And Sir James Goldsmith

must know it. He is hright enough not to allow his arrogance to obscure the hard reality of his impotence. Half a dozen frightened Tory back-benchers may be intimidated into calling for an immediate referendum. The Labour Party is already half committed to one, but — if the parties light the election on the rival views of monetary union — it will almost certainly say that the decision was taken by the choice of government, I hope that the British Referendum Party is no more than jeu d'esprit for Sir James's complicated ego but it may turn out — through the overt distike of foreigners which it demon-strated last Saturday — to be something worse than that Then, it would become a dirty.





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T IS part of the fun of liv-ing in Athens that a day never goes by without life somehow bordering on the Surreal. Greece, post-Papandreou, was meant to be a boring place. But when we thought the country had entered a new era under Costas Simitis, the late

Prime Minister's relatively young and technocratic suc-cessor, scandal-mongering is back in fashion. Sex, mad mediums and wayward first ladies are suddenly the lasues of the day. As a breed, Athenians are

not generally a light-hearter bunch. They say the noxious nefos (cloud), which so often scars the capital's skyline, endows them with a natural irritability. But the scandala are producing a lot of giggles. Even members of Athens's po-faced intellectual élite are talking about them. In sharp contrast to the 80s, (when there seemed to be a new scandal every day), they now say they are

too bizarre to be ignored. Madam Vasso, of Fergie fame, does, I suppose, top the list. But the alleged antics of Papandreou's capricious widow, Dimitra "Mimi" Liani, come a close second. The Greek mystic turned up in Athens when. after kissing and telling on Fergie, the going got tough in London. She came carting her notorious blue perspex pyramid, but it was the person she soon had sitting under the contraption who got the scandalmongers working overtime.

Overnight, Greeks were sniping that the first clairvoyant to have brought them fame since the Oracle at Delphi had set up shop in Mimi's palatial home. The former first lady summoned Vasso after publicly an-nouncing she had fallen victim to the "evil eye". With her doting septuagenarian husband no longer at her side, the blonde stewardess has become convinced his family are torturing her with bad spirits.

She says she cannot understand the outery over Papandreou's extraordinot only all his wordly goods but precious political archives. The papers, which document the birth and growth of Greece's first cludes state property such as letters from Fidel Castro.

Determined to preserve their "good family name", the four children the leader had with his second wife, the American Margaret Chadd, have vowed to contest the will later this mouth.

Of course, controversy is nothing new to Mimi, whose staggering rise from working the aisles of an Olympic Airways jet to being Papan-dreon's all-powerful chiefof-staff has still not been forafter the statesman's death, the 41-year-old widow is facing unprecedented - and growing — demands that she leave the country.

A LTHOUGH she is grief-stricken and crumpled in public, the media insist Mimi is conducting a heated affair with Costas Spyropoulos, the nation's leading screen star. Flushed with the details, Greeks have duly been taken by storm. As the drams thickens, the consensus grows: not even the likes of Aristophanes could have hatched the plot.

With the government doing its best to canonise Papandreou, socialists say the liaison, so soon after his passing, is an embarrassment it can ill afford.

Last week, Ms Liani, a towering blonde, was allegedly seen visiting the 32-year-old thespian wearing a dark wig and glasses. The widow's refusal to deny the accusations have only served to reinforce them. Some say she even plans to marry Spyropoulos, who
mairry Spyropoulos, who
until recently was the leading man in the Greek equivalent of Dynasty. For his part,
the blond, blue-eyed actor
has said he will speak

when the time is ripe". Meanwhile, everyone is waiting to see whether Mimi will abscond. In her first interview since Papandreou's death, she unexpectedly announced she "might have to sell" the opulent pink villa the politician built for her. The talk of the town is whether Mimi will use the money to launch her longawaited political career. They say a feature film star-ring the love birds is also in the pipeline. Given that drama was born here, the story may seem a little sur-



Tell us the worst we need to know

Commentary

Francine Stock

OU better take this on the chin. Unlikely as it may seem, we don't get enough bad news. The fear of bad news hobbles our politicians and works against the electorst interests. The environment is the ob-

vious case. When man's effect on the planet first be-came a talking-point in the 1970s, it was depicted as a multinational conspiracy. "We" try to find out; "they" hide it from us. The Doomwatch plots of television eco dramas - the X-Files of their day — grew tedious with repetition. Now, for fear of taking the

rap for something beyond their control, politicians hold back on the bad news until they can produce a quick-fix solution. Organophosphates are a case in point — a string of isolated incidents with no grand nar-rative. The spotlight of pub-licity paused briefly on epi-diers were sprayed with in-sodes — sheep dip, carrots, secticide containing OPs, telling an unpleasant truth having an effect on its sur-

Gulf War syndrome — but which happen to be related to nobody in authority spoke nerve gases like Sarin. Don't

ip.
The determined group of activists who campaign for the dangers of organophos-phates to be recognised point with frustration to a litany of warnings. The first reports of peripheral nervous-system disease go back to 1900. As long as 1951 a Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Working Party chaired by Professor (later Lord) Zuckerman noted that exposure to Ops through the skin or by inhalation might cause death, but that chronic toxicity — long-term damage — was the main danger. The Working Party recommended protective clothing and masks, prophylactic medicine and special supplementary diets and regular manually medical experience.

soon as possible.
Thirty-six years later, the
Health and Safety Executive. in guidance note MS 17, warned of the danger of acute exposure and con-cluded: "Repeated exposure at lower doses may cause insidious cumulative toxicity."
What was worse, many OP
products were capable of
penetrating protective

weekly medical examina-

put your Nuclear/Biologi-cal/Chemical suits on, boys, they said, in case it rots

them.
But nobody seems to have concluded just how dangerous Ops were — or had the guts to say. It was news to Tom King, defence secretary at the time, which was most unfortunate as he and his wife knew first hand from their own farm of the grue-some effects; it seems to have been news to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Depart-ment of Health.

If you discount the con-

spiracy theory, there was no shortage of information on the specific risks of organo-phosphates, but it didn't get to the right people. Ops were widely used; they'd been thought preferable to ortions of workers. A safer al-ternative had to be sought as ganochlorines like DDT, which killed wildlife, Farm ers, hard pressed for time and money, needed the dan-gers spelled out in letters six feet high. People didn't want to bear. Rather like the "scientific" argument with BSE, the government seemed obsessed with getting more research, while ignoring — or fearing — what was already there.

But this, of course, is the political bind. The BSE crisis illustrators have religious.

or putting an acceptable spln on facts. Both Douglas Hogg and Stephen Dorrell have been criticised at key moments in the mad-cow saga for falling to boost consumer confidence and letting the beef industry slide — simply because they told something like the truth

like the truth.
We are used to more effective spin on the environ-ment. The decision to aban-don the review of the Newbury by-pass was slipped into the news on the day of a cabinet re-shuffle. Unpleas-ant figures on air pollution or the projections of in-creased traffic caused by new road schemes are tucked

On the one hand, whoever is in government wants us to trust them to act in our best interests. On the other, people now believe it is both unwise and undesirable to allow government to run their lives for them. Hence the new equations of trust

Tony Blair said the first right of a citizen in anv mature democracy should be the right to information

and responsibilty that run through the Blair vision. But if people really are to be more responsible, then they must have the information to make informed decisions. One of the curiously forgettable things about our planet is that we live in a closed sytem. Everything that is or will be on earth is formed from something that has ex-isted from the Big Bang. We

roundings. Pesticides — like weapons — are designed to be toxic. For abundant crops and animals free of parasites and bright and convenient lives we pay an environmen-tal price — but we need to

know how much.

So far neither opposition party has reacted to the growing evidence about the so-called "gender-bending" chemicals — compounds that occur in plastics that mimic the first laboration. the female bormone oestro gen and may be responsible for the fall in male fertility and certain cancers. There is no "good-news" way to play
this one; these things are
everywhere and nobody yet
knows what to do about it. The re-writing of Clause IV includes a commitment to

environmental protection.
Tony Blair's speech to the
Royal Society on the environment was broadly welcomed by environmental groups, not least for its proposal to establish an Independent Parliamentary Environment Audit Committee to scruti-nise government action, though Friends of the Earth want more — like a full list of citizens' environmental rights. In his John Smith Memorial Lecture in February, Tony Blair said the first right of a citizen in any ma-ture democracy should be the right to information. It would be a brave govern-ment indeed, that could give it to them — if that informa-tion is unpleasant would the spin doctors let it out on the streets? Not knowing leaves us back in a Doomwatch paranoia. The 70s response to an environmental problem would have been: "Who covered this up? What are they doing to us?" In the 90s, a step towards mature democracy, a bargain of trust and repsonsibilty, would be to know what we not some

mysterious they, are doing to

million from these sales to

Iraq. Furthermore, the UK ex-

perienced the phenomenon known as the 'boomerang ef-

fect", when these same

weapons were then used to threaten Allied troops in the

UN peacekeeping missions

are repeatedly undermined

by indiscriminate arms ex-

ports, with peacekeepers fre-quently confronted by

weapons supplied by their own states. What is truly un-

settling is that the five perma

unregulated

nesty International and the

Committee, the code specifies

suppliers in the world.

down by the Government for closure. It is in constant de-mand, is highly respected, even loved, throughout the area, and its dedicated staff look after some of the poorest children in Europe. Obviously it has to go. Until

until the next millennium.

Can we be sure even of that deadline? The Whitechapel hospital is being built under something called the "private finance initiative". This means it will be run for notify

means it will be run for profit, with the NHS relegated to the role of "customer". But will the hospital be built at all? That depends on the election ting hospital-building pro-grammes. A Labour govern-ment will start by cutting hospital-building pro-

nent members of the UN Secu-rity Council — including the UK — are the five major arms to work in Glasgow two years later, they were still talking about it. One legendary hero was a young firebrand from the Remington Rand factory, who travelled round the industrial estates persuading address the havoc and chaos caused by weapons sales, I have taken the initiative to develop an international code of conduct on the arms trade. Supported by a commission of Nobel Peace laureates including the Dalai Lama, Lech Walsea, the Rev Desmond Tutu, Mairead Maguire, Betty Wil-liams, Joseph Rotblat, Elie Weisel, Norman Borlaug, Amgow Rangers and was secre-tary of the Scottish players' trade union before becoming probably the most succe American Friends Service criteria governments must meet in order to be eligible The code will seek to pre-vent arms sales to regions of

Don't fall ill if you're a child in Hackney



Paul Foot

Y LOCAL Hospitals Trust — the Royal —
has come up with an
exciting new plan for Hackney's Queen Elizabeth Hospital for children. The hospital
meets all the conditions laid

now, protesters have been partly placated by the promise that the Queen Elizabeth will not be closed until all its facilities are available at a spanking new mega-hospital at Whitechapel. Now the ge-niuses at the Trust — its niuses at the Trust - its chairman is a former boss of MI6 — threaten to close the hospital before the new hospi-tal is even started. The Trust will, I assume, be issuing no-tices to children in Hackney instructing them not to fall ill

and the economic crisis which will follow. A Conservative government will start by cut-

WATCHING Alex Ferguson kicking a ball around with Tony Blair at Blackpool, I remembered the great apprentices' strike in the West of Scotland in 1959. When I went prentices to join the strike. His name was Alex Ferguson. He went on to play for Glasfootball coach in British history. Those Old Labour roots are still strong. Earlier this year, after Manchester United had won the double, Alex Ferguson gave an interview to the BBC's Des Lynam. Lynam was brimming over with his usual fatuous flattery. Ferguson was missiveness imag not impressed. Brusquely, he boardroom mate.

nnounced that he was not at all happy with the way things were going at the club. Con-fronted with the terrifying prospect of an important news story. Lynam sniggered ner yously and stammered some-thing about how, surely, the great Alex Ferguson had noth-ing to worry about. The man-ager persisted. "It's all remuneration committees now," he growled. Lynam hastily changed the subject. The pros-pect of a serious discussion with someone who knows and cares about the increasing commercialisation of football and the new breed of greedy directors concentrating exclu-sively on their "remunera-tion" was altogether too much.

THREE cheers for Colin Wal-lace, who has now comprehen-sively proved two amazing propositions he put to me 10 years ago: a) that he was sacked from the army because of a gang of nutters in MIs who were plotting against the elected Labour government; and b) that he is entirely innoment of the lettless of his friend. cent of the killing of his friend Jonathan Lewis for which he served six years in prison. He is owed a lot of apologies — for example from the Independent newspaper which smeared him, and the British Airports Authority which sacked him. He has already had an apology of sorts - from the US Embassy. Several months ago I reported here that Colin could not accept an invitation to speak at the US Congress because he had been refused a visa. On October 10, the day after his conviction was quashed, he had a phone call at work from the US Embassy informing him that the block on his visa had been lifted.

OH WEEP for poor John

Clark! He is sacked. He was

clark! He is sacked. He was chief executive of the catering and cleaning conglomerate BET, which has just been taken over by Rentokil. Last week a judge gave him £3m compensation. This was rather more than the rate normally set by tribunals for workers sacked by RET, but workers sacked by BET, but Mr Clark was terribly disap-pointed. Since he had been chief executive at BET for five years (in which the share price fell from 167p to 139p) he felt he was entitled to much more. He claimed the best part of another £3m for the loss of share options (handouts) he might have been given in the future. He also claimed £45,000 for the loss of his chauffeurdriven car, £55,000 for the loss of his medical insurance and 580,000 for the loss of holidays. Mr Clark's case at the tribanal was supported by a former fellow BET director, Norman Tebbit — yes, the old union-basher himself, who used to deride the 1960s as an age of permissiveness. How utterly appropriate that Margaret Thatcher's chief bully boy should end up a grovelling supplicant, begging a court to show the most generous permissiveness imaginable to his



A plague of arms

Oscar Arias calls for a code of conduct to be adopted by major arms exporters to prevent tyrants getting their hands on the instruments of terror and death

Nations General Assembly that in the post-cold-war era the world's most pressing threats are drug trafficking and terrorism. Clearly these are issues of great magnitude, and should be treated as such. But they are actually only manifestations of other, more fundamental issues.

The growth of poverty and inequality; the continued de-nial of democratic freedoms and basic human rights; environmental degradation; slow progress in world health education; the social impact of technological change; the external debt in developing countries; corruption — these are the sources of conflict

RESIDENT Bill must address. In order to cre-Clinton recently ate an environment of stabilold the United ity in which these problems can be solved, we must estab-lish firm democracies. However, this is a difficult feat to accomplish as long as indus-trialised countries continue to supply weapons to dicta-tors throughout the world. The US and the UK speak of spreading democracy, while at the same time providing enemies of democracy with tools for repression. Further-more, they contribute to bilat-eral and World Bank development programmes while encouraging developing

nations to waste their pre-cious resources on weapons. Unfortunately, the real victims of the arms trade are innocent civilians in the developing world. While their that can lead to terrorism and drug trafficking. These are the fundamental issues the international community

of poverty. Consider these mercial sectors of their sobering facts: since the end countries. of the cold war in 1990 there has been \$115 billion worth of arms transfers to developing nations, an average of nearly \$23 billion per year. Over 90 per cent of these transfers came from developed nations, with the US and the EU together accountable for 75

The US Secretary of Defense, William Perry, is currently pressing President Clinton to lift the ban on selling high-technology weapons to Latin America. It is argued that these arms exports will create more jobs for the United States. This same hollow justification is frequently used by UK politi-

Yet it seems an immora and unbalanced equation to justify a few thousand jobs in the West at the expense of pouring more arms into a developing world which does not need them and cannot afford them. If we accept such reasoning it would not be sur-prising if a Colombian or Bolivian were to argue that exporting mind-altering drugs to the UK and US is justified

This analogy may seem drastic. However, there is no doubt that both sales export death and misery. If we are frightened by the extent of drag trafficking originating from the South and directed towards the North, we must then also be scandalised by the scope and magnitude of indiscriminate arms sales from the North to the South Moreover, the idea of the

arms trade as a money spin-ner is simply untrue. By con-tributing to the destabilising of developing countries through arms transfers, the very countries find themselves paying to pick up the pieces of conflicts they indi-rectly create. For example, in Somalia, Operation Restore Hope was forced to collect weapons that were sold to the Siad Barre regime during the 1980s by the American arms industry. The cost incurred by the US government was greater than the income received from the sale of the

arms in the first place. The Scott Inquiry brought to light how military equipment sold by the UK govern-ment to Saddam Hussein was never paid for. It is estimated that UK taxpayers lost £552

instability, countries with poor human rights records, dictatorial regimes and military aggressors. The aim is to present the code to the UN General Assembly, as it is the

mon principles which apply equally to all.

This initiative is supported by active campaigns which are underway in Europe and the US to introduce regional codes of conduct. In the EU parliamentarians are promot ing a responsible commor arms-export policy that will hopefully be introduced at the Intergovernnmental Confer-ence. In the US, a code of vote in Senate this year and is due to come before both Congressional chambers next

only organisation which brings together both suppli-

ers and recipients and en-ables them to develop com-

The problems facing the world today, and our apparent inability to solve them, make for sobering reflection. But the fact is that we do possess the ability to eradicate poverty, guarantee health care for all, and curtail the flow of arms. We only lack the will — and the leadership — to address these troubles that afflict our world.

Dr Oscar Arlas is the former holder of the 1987 Nobel Peace

the flowery prose .

would leap at it.

other words almost the en-tire adult population —

But there is one aspect of Mr Harrison's blueprint

which may prove contro-versial. He says: "Unem-

ployed estate agents will be re-employed to manage

the branches of the National Homes Register."

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Richard Thomas .,......

THIS is the series where you the reader have a chance to inject bright ideas into an otherwise sterile political debate. Another Manifesto will, os une election approuches, present your constructive ideas for our political leaders to constructive ideas sider; nearer politing day, a propose a direct state take says Mr Harrison. "And photos and interpreting mannestoguguardian.co.uk). An enthusiastic response means we cannot acknowledge those proposels we do not use

most deserve to be taken up.

ERRY Harrison, from London, has an old-fashioned solution to the complexities and stresses of buying and selling a home: national-isation of estate agents. In

isation of estate agents. In his scheme, the Government would set up a computerised National Homes Register, a cross-country database containing details of all the homes currently up for sels.

over, Mr Harrison says the new organisation would quickly put private estate agents out of business. In his scheme, potential buy-ers will simply go to their local branch of the Home Registry, enter into a computer the details of the property they want, and wait for a machine to print out a list of possible new homes.
"In time the computer

will provide a three-dimen-sional visual record of the

data could not be acces from a PC at home and enquiries made by e-mail." As he points out, dating agencies use computers to bring people together: why not house-buyers and sellers? To New Labour, Mr Harrison's proposal may sound statist, interventionist and expensive. In short, impossible. But he insists a modest fee would cover

there is no reason why this

And while Tony Blair may baulk at the Government running water or power supplies, here, surely, is a vote-winner.
All those who have trailed around dozens of

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kind.

wrote two important biogra-phies, one of Lord Fisher (1984), in which he gives Fisher rey the major part of the credit for the triumph of peni-cillin, and one on the organic chemist Sir Robert Robinski

(1990) in which a difficult in

is made more likeshie and original than many would

have made him out to be.

Williams' Biographical Dictionary of Scientists (first-

His growing command and

prestige can be seen in one large cumulative work the History of Technology (Onford University Press). The intro-

duction to the first of its five

as assisting with the editing In all the other volumes (1957)

58) his name appears on equal

terms with the previous prin-cipal editors. In 1978 when the work was brought up to date

by extension of its scope into

modern times, he was the sole

No one could achieve so much unless he was, to say

was a great deal more, mak-

ing, keeping and enriching the affection of friends and col-

a member of committees of many kinds, for example the

Council of the South Kensing-

ton Science Museum and the

Council of University College

tributed for example to his chairmanship of the Society for the History of Alcheny

mittee meetings entirely be-lied its dry-as-dust title with

But nowhere was the gr

of his character seen so well

as by those who knew his

tality of his Oxford home.

organising editor.

volumes (1954) mentions him

A zoom lens

on science

Trevor Williams

A scientific journal, Endeavour, Trevor Williams, who has died aged 75, was at the forefront of interpreting science for a non-

cientific public. He also had a

rare skill in interpreting

the majority were composed in a style of unaffected lucid-

ity, aimed at providing

unstrained reading. At the same time as serving the

outside science, he almed to

skilled in one area who

needed to understand what

was important in another

From Clifton College he

went as a scholar to Queen's College, Oxford, going on in 1942 to the Sir William Dunn

School of Pathology. He might

have had a conventional career in experimental

science but in 1945 he became

assistant editor of Endeavour.

which had been created dur-

ing the second world war, on the initiative of the Royal

Society and with patronage of

ICI, as a vehicle for the presentation of British

Under Williams's editor-

ship, it developed its interna-

tional scope and prestige. He

remained editor during the

ICI period to 1977, and contin-

ued after its transfer to Perga-

mon, retiring only when it

passed to Elsevier last year. His colleagues estimated that

during this long period, some 200 issues, he had published and edited more than 1,500

science for scientists. Of his many books, scholarly articles, popular summaries,

John Hillaby

Walks on the wilder side

must have walked a quarter of a million earth, and not a footfall of that on a road if he could possibly set boot elsewhere - through undinted snow to an Alpine peak or through a landscape of prickly pears down to the sea at Nice. Were you daft enough to ask why, he would quote the advice of St Augus-

rine: "Solve it by walking". Hillaby and his books of the 1960s and early 1970s brought the walking boot out of the how ... 'a requiem closet of travel literature. Without Journey to the Jade Seg (1964) — an amble with an east African camel train - or his Journey through Britain (1968), which he ended by flinging the footgear of that pedi-navigation over a cliff in Fermor would probably never have been asked for "an essay into his trans-European vol-Bruce Chatwin's The Sona lines would wonder what

St Augustine, was on about. Hillaby wanted, said his third wife, Katie, to be remembered as a long-distance walker. He was more. He set the pace, not just for other writers, but for many readers often a generation younger than himself, who discovered for themselves the unexpected excitement of slowness of movement and the picaresque encounter. "It's a pity you useful," says a bystander in

OHN Hillaby, who ful. Pedestrians for pleasure has died aged 79, multiplied post-Hillaby. He was not originally a pro-fessional ambulant. He was

the son of a Leeds printer, inspired into curiosity partly by his teacher Digby Firth, demon naturalist and antiquarian", who would send Hillaby and his classmates out to find and identify some specimen in lieu of homework.
"What is an insect, Hillaby?"

He wrote of a wolffor a species at the end of its

"Please sir, it is an animal with three parts to its body." "Very good, Hillaby. Bring me six of them.") The walking started then in pursuit of said

evolutionary tether'

insects or flowers. He went into journalism on local newspapers, which in that era encouraged constant curious meetings with human being so many column inches to fill. He gravitated to the science-friendly Manchester Guardian where he used his encyclopedic knowledge of the natural world. (Which also kept him company on, or rather off, the road: "skull cinema" as JB Priestley called it, to be projected in the brain, layering poetry, history and mythology over every land-scape he passed.) Hillaby later worked as European science

proadcasted and reviewed. He was a passionate gentance of the whole. The first books record change in the details and structures of life: Journey through Europe (1972) was early for evidence of "the surface of Lake Geneva", the dragonfly belicopters spraying the vines with organo-chlorides in the Moselle, or the British fast-food salesman met in Briancon who won dered how long it would be before French hotel chefs ordered his firm's quality-controlled, just-add-water crème caramel mix by the gallon.

Hillaby was already pleading for creatures we still haven't learned to like: in 1972 at dawn-break, a sky the of Athabaska in North Sas-katchewan, "the wolf raised his voice — he held it at something close to the top of an octave for maybe two or three seconds, and then gradually let the notes fall. slowly as if under the command of a conductor's baton. It might have been a requiem for a species at the end of its evolutionary tether."

In appearance, Hillaby de-scribed himself as pure goat: he was more like a witty graffito of the god Pan. In manner. he had a Leeds abruptness balanced by a wicked humour

he once straightfacedly told a peculiarly literary interviewer he had come to the US to continue his lifelong search for naked women in wet mack-

'Solve it by walking' . . . John Hillaby, a big influence on popularising walking for pleasure He called the resulting book, | immobilised by osteoarthritis of his early books that they Journey through Love (1976) during his last few years "messy". It is not It must settled back in York. were the credo of a happy man, though he had not meant them to be, or even realised have surprised him with its that they were — the work of a honesty, and had hopeful sefull and contented soul. quels in Journey Home (1983), When Tilly, Hillaby's second wife, died of cancer his honeymoon walk with Katie, and Journey to the Gods (1991): they walked together to after six years of marriage, he lifted his eyes to the hills and Mount Olympus. The Gods took other revenges for his

born July 24, 19:7: died October

Chris's decision to take his own life was entirely out of

keeping with everything I

knew about him. I remember

him as an excellent and amus-

ing companion and above all

an optimist. A joie de vitre like his will be missed in the in-

He leaves his widow Katie

and two daughters. Susan and

Felicity, by his first marriage.

articles, and thousands of This could have been were becoming better known | [their third album] would sell

enough for one man but Wilwhich inspired Endeavour en-riched the literature of science a million in America. Fortunately we hever believed in other ways. He had a kind Unlike others of his genera of zoom-lens of a mind, which tion and profession whose could take a broad view of deaths have appeared to say general progress or narrow to something about their lives and the way they led them

Trevor lihyd Williams, scientific writer, born July 12, 1921; died

Arthur Scargill writes: | Libyan money and the NUM Andrew Roth's tribute to my friend and colleague Terry Patchett MP (Obituary, Octo-ber 12) contained a fundamen-

has long since been thrown out by the courts.

More than 30 years have of Mineworkers never flinchingly brave and one of received money, either as a the kindest people I ever loan or a gift, from Libya's knew. Our union has lost a Colonel Gadafy before, during member of outstanding charor after the miners' strike of acter, and all who knew him

Sir Malcolm Arnold, com-

poser, 75; Geoffrey Boycott, cricketer, 56; David Campese, rugby player, 34; Norman Clarke, mathematician, 80;

Maureen Duffy, novelist, 63;

Carrie Pisher, actress, 40; Simon Gray, playwright, 60; Paul Ince, footballer, 23; Leo

Kirch, German media entre-

prepeur, 70: Natalia Makar-

ova, ballerina, 56; Peter Man-

delson, Labour MP, 43; Manfred Mann, rock band-

mer prima ballerina, 69: Sir

Georg Solti, conductor, 84

ble, Northumbria, 54; Lord

(Hugh) Thomas of Swymer-

ton, historian, 65; Paul

Tosch, former chairman and

Motors, 57; Francis Warner,

poet, dramatist, 59; Dr Elsie

Widdowson, FRS, nutrition-

John Stevens, chief consta

leader, 56: Nadia Nerina, for-

Birthdays



Gentle hero of indie pop

mer with the rock band Lush, who has aged 30, was born in Kendal, Cumbria, to an affluent family. He enjoyed, what was by childhood, much of it spent at football matches with his pany director; his sole act of

Charles Daniels

In 1987 he met the Lush singer, Miki Berenyi, at North they were both studying English Literature and the two eventually became lovers. by Miki and Emma Anderson. both of whom helped edit a bawdy dipsomaniacal fanzine called Alphabet Soup. Alrebellion was in supporting though Chris was soon to split | Emma's scatological prose, Tottenham Hotspur over any up with Miki, he was swiftly were fast, furious and irrever- the band's influence, and they



Drummer of cerebral wit . . . Chris Acland of Lush (far right)

enrolled on drums.

ent, layered with shimmering After signing to the independent label 4AD, the group's Chris contributed a galloping early work saw them lauded beat to their records and a by the press as saviours of sentle, cerebral wit to their Britain's ailing indie pop scene. The songs, very much a sonic reflection of Miki and Emma's scatological prose, Roses had all but obliterated

released four albums, and last rear played with some of America's biggest bands on the Lollapalooza tour. It was only this year though that they would repeat their early successes. The singles

both reached the UK Top Thirty, although the album Lovelife, failed to sell as well as had been hoped. Chris band a realistic attitude to the band's mixed fortunes, saying: "Even though we're on 4AD. we're still expected to compete with Blur and Pulp ... someone sat down and told us Split

for their exploits than their

music. Nevertheless the band

played on, not allowing their

lack of commercial success to

divert them from their chosen

sound. From 1988-95 they

creasingly po-faced and money-minded music

Ben Marshal

Christopher Acland, musician born September 7, 1966; died October 17, 1996

1981-85. The allegation about | deeply mourn his passing.

Unearthing North Africa's past

drian's Wall in the late 1950s. Charles Daniels, who has died aged 63, could often be seen walking to an evening meal at one of Corbridge's pubs dressed in a thick north African overcost and matching clothes. The archaeology of Hadrian's Wall and Africa were to dominate his aca-

After developing an interest in history in his native Newcastle, he moved to his home university where he remained teacher and museologist. On graduation he completed an MA in Mithraic Studies, another 'leitmotif' along his acdemic path. His presence at Newcastle then led to a posi-tion as director of excavations at the Red House Baths near Corbridge, an interest in como Caputo before the onset Roman thermae that was in- of the second world war.

HEN the Cor-bridge Training torate which fell away with Excavation was the transfer of his supervisor. the late Sir Ian Richmond, to Oxford.

> been introduced to the rigours of north African, and specifically Libyan, archaeology through his colleague Dr David Smith with whom he made initial trips to southern Tripolitania and the Fezzan. In 1960, a period of research at the British School in Rome also acted as a springboard for further work in Libya. At the time the then director stated that he "had best get the de-sert out of his system while still a young man", but Dan-iels persisted in developing a major programme of work on the archaeology of the Fezzan the potential of which had first been revealed (with the aid of a military escort) by the Italian archaeologist, Gia-

vey and excavation in the Wadi el Agial, the heartland of the Garamantian kingdom aided by a team of volunteer drawn from the archaeologists of the northern frontier, and with the indefatigable support

of his wife Miriam. The early expeditions were hazardous. There was no paved road from the Fezzan-ese capital of Sebha and the wadi tracks were so rutted that the first refrigerator ever to be taken into the area with the expedition had to be gently coaxed across the sand sea to the north. The programme established a firm thronology of the early Gara mantian capital of Zin chechra, and mapped the rocky promontory that looked down on the later capital of Germa (Garama). The archaeological evidence that Daniels gathered from this area appeared in articles in the Anti-rack blocks at the Roman fort

From 1964 into the early quaries Journal and in book 1970s Daniels conducted a surform.

In 1980 Daniels was elected chairman of the Libyan Society. His appointment marked a broadening of the pool from which officers were drawn; yet, unfortunately, as politi-cal relations between Libya and the UK declined, the society's role inevitably became circumscribed.

Daniels concentrated in creasingly on work in northern Britain and was pivotal in the organisation of a highly successful Wall Conference and a series of northern frontier seminars which repro-duced, jokes and all, accounts of work in progress and emerging interpretations, no-tably on the development of the Antonine Wall, Although his interests spread into Scot-land, it was on Hadrian's Wall that his own work was practi-

berland, which is due to be published, marked a new hase for interpretation of late Roman military practice. Another long-term pro-gramme associated with the clearance of industrial hous-ing at Wallsend revealed, effectively for the first time, three centuries of occupation on a site of a Wall fort. In many ways his greatest mural achievement, however, was the preparation of the still wood Bruce's famous Hand book of the Wall, partially updated in his Handbook of

the Pilgrimage (1989).
At Newcastle University he moved from an initial post as deputy keeper of antiquities to full-time teaching, serving as chairman of the department and acting as head of department. A growing disenchant-ment with the universities, as student factories at the expense of student and postgrad-



From wadi to Hadrian's Wall . . . archaeologist Daniels

uate involvement in quality research, led to his recent retirement and the resumption with Miriam of the travels that made him the most knowledgable Roman Africanist of his generation. Charles never lost interest in his African connections, helping to establish and run the pioneer

excavations at Soba in Sudan with Derek Welsby and writ-ing articles of the forts and town defences of the Mahgreb

Barri Jones

Charles Daniels, archaeologist born October 10, 1932; dled September 1, 1996

Birthdays

Jackdaw



Olympic spirit

Parade announcer: Albania! Bernard Derome: Albania. We're in the Balkans. Marie-Josee Turcotte: Albania. I can't belp thinking of my university friends who tried earthly paradise. (laughter) Announcer: Burund! Derome: Oh. Burundi, what tragedy, what tragedy — 10,000 deaths per month, massacred because of that civil war that was waged by the majority, ah, by the minority Tutsi, who don't want to share power with Hutu. Turcotte: It's hard to believe. eh, when people train in condi-

tions like that and they still

come to the Olympic Games. Announcer: Cambodia! Derome: Cambodia — one of for a long time we were wondering if he was dead or alive. But anyway, he sent a third of his people — killed

Turcotte: There was a good film. The Killing Fields, that talked about that. Announcer: Chad! Derome: A country where human rights barely exist. Turcotte: You won't be sur-prised to hear that they've never won an Olympic medal. Announcer: Chile Derome: Ooh la la, Chile. Well, we have a lot of Chilean friends at home — over 3,000 requests for asylum per year. There are a lot of frauds who talk them into coming. Announcer: Ghanal Derome: Republic of Ghana,

Announcer: Mali! Derome: This is a very poor country. Per capita income is very low: \$350 per person per year. Turcotte: Absolutely no hope

in West Africa — a police regime that is very, very

of an Olympic medal. Decome: Most of the inhabitants are nomads over there, eh? There are 12 times more cattle over there than human

Announcer: North Korea!

Derome: Okay, that's North Korea, right? There's something to note here . . . They have lots of flooding, there's famine. It's going very badly. Announcer: Russia! Derome: Second most Olympic medals in the world. Turcotte: Yes, but now the mafia has thoroughly infiltrated sports too - as soon as they know someone has money . . . there are even ath-letes who have died. From the commentry given during television coverage of the July 19 Olympic Games' po rade of nations, by Bernard Derome and Marie Josee Turotte, announcers for Radio Canada, the French branch of the Canadian Broadcasting

Corporation. Harper's. Tough luck

FOUR Sri Lankan servicemen were taking part in a military exercise in a 10ft open boat when a cyclone pushed them out to sea. They drifted for 43 days, crossing the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea, finally washing ashore on the coast of Thai-land — where they were arrested and thrown into gaol for entering the country with-

out papers. A WOMAN driver who had her bag snatched while she waited at traffic lights gave chase to the thieves in her Mercedes. The thieves dropped the bag, but when she got out to retrieve it they

stole the car instead.

A DELEGATE to the 1991
World Conference on Memory was forced to ring organisers at Lancaster University after he forgot which day he had booked to attend. A similar embarrassing lapse afflicted Tom Morton, who has an instant recall of over 20,000 phone numbers, decks of cards and all Olympic medal winners for the past century. He forgot which day he was due to appear on Gra-nada TV to demonstrate his

A FRENCHMAN who understandably wished to remain anonymous tried to buy a condom at one in the morning in Briec de l'Odet Brittany, and got his hand jammed in the machine. Four hours later a group of teenagers found him, but couldn' persuade the fire brigade to take their story seriously. Eventually police coaxed the firemen out, and they cut the man free and took him to

A PLUMBER had to be freed by firemen after he got his head stuck in a lavatory bowl at his home in Pucker-idge. Hertfordshire — his name was W.C. Sticks Fortean Times collection of

Barred sex

IN EMMETT, Idaho, Gem County Sheriff Mark John stands tall for law and order If any fornicators are brought to his attention he'll put them right where he thinks they belong — in the county jail. Chewing on a hamburger, the sheriff spells out his attitude to sex outside marriage. "Mo-

down and waves a beefy finger at those around him in the restaurant. "I'm sure some of these folks are fornicators. If I have evidence of that, they go to the lock-up, whoever they are." In the Gem County Jail,

Post-coital porridge

trial Their offence is sex beses gave us the laws and one of those was, "Thou shalt not for-nicate." It's that simple."

wo young men are awaiting



fore marriage, illegal in Idaho since 1921, and each of them could face a five-year jail term if found guilty. Both men have teenage girlfriends who have given birth in the last six months — in Emmett that's irrefutable proof of a criminal act. "I should be at home, fending for my baby." says John Wagnon from his

cell. "I can't teach him right from wrong sitting in jail." For 75 years the Idaho for-nication law has lain dor-mant. In March this year it was revived after 17-year-old Amanda Smiseck became pregnant. In New York her pregnancy would not have raised an eyebrow; in Em-mett it caused a moral earthquake. Recently, the small town has been overwhelmed with teenage pregnancies. More than 15 per cent of the town's teenage girls are pregnant — about twice the national average — and its welfare resources are stretched to the limit. When Smisek came looking for social security assistance to raise her child, she was given

handcuffs to wear instead

mitted to have sex until they therefore charged with formication, and her boyfriend with statutory rape. Sheriff Mark John makes Mary Whitehouse look like a sex queen. Sexual chains in Marie Claire

Unlike British teenagers,

the youth of Idaho are not per-

Fledgling fight

A SENIOR partner in one of London's major estate agents was recently attacked by an irate crow in Hyde Park after his dog found a fledgling forow on the ground. "The mother launched herself at me, buffeting me about the head," he said. The furious corvid let up only once he had retreated 150 yards.

Road rage to crow rage, reported in Country Life.

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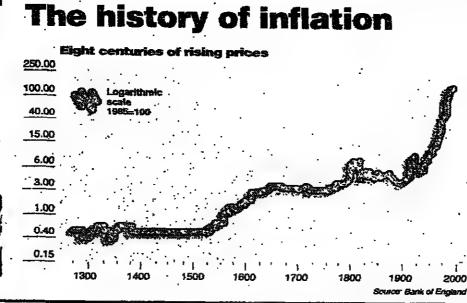
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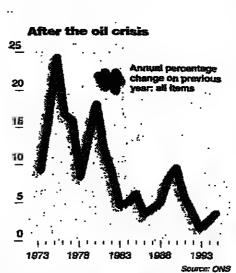
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ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/Economy and politics vie for primacy in Budget Inflation can be controlled but not beaten



Larry Elliott

DECADE ago, as he would readily admit, Nigel Lawson was fat. In 1985 when, famously, the then Chancellor said in his Mansion House speech that inflation was the judge and jury of monetary policy — he was carrying plenty of excess baggage around the middle.

Since then, everything has changed. Lord Lawson, as he now, is a candidate for slimmer of the year and swaps banter with Ian Hislop and Paul Merton on Have I Got News for You. For the second-longest oc-

cupant of 11 Downing Street this century, the transformation has been remarkable. But what of the economy? Has Britain really kicked the in-flation habit or is it gearing up for another bings?

The Bank of England fears the latter. Its governor, Eddle George, has seen it all before ... like a dietary consultant. The overweight businessman comes in with all the best intentions, loses weight rapidly by way of carrot juice and physical jerks, but then starts to talk about just the odd beer. After a formight, that occasional pint has become one a day, then two, then three, and after three months

As Mr George sees it, the economy is now at the point of <u>maximum</u> danger: a similar position to that in 1986, when inflation was low but the authorities dropped their guard. Then, there was talk of the miracle economy and ment. Now, John Major talks of inflation being licked and the Chancellor boasts that he level of inflation in the ser-has discovered the elixir of vice sector. When inflation

non-inflationary growth. concerned. It's his job to be. And any claim by politicians that they have tackled inflation should be treated with the utmost suspicion, particularly when an election is

Inflation is a dynamic phenomenon, which can never be beaten, only controlled. And, quite obviously, there are warning signs out there. Consumer demand is strong, consumer confidence is back to the levels of the late 1980s, house prices are rising in parts of the country and the money supply is expanding by 10 per cent a year.

Moreover, inward investment has not solved the probindustrial capacity. Nor have the much-vaunted changes to a McDonald's child's Happy

the labour market, and high unemployment, prevented firms from suffering from skills shortages.
These shortcomings are

part of Britain's cultural and historic baggage, part of an institutional structure that is traditionally far more tolerant of inflation than, say, Germany or Austria. The taste for imports generated by the reach of an empire, the lack of consensual wage bargaining, the failure of post-war Keynesians to provide a political underpinning to full em-ployment all help to explain why a combination of financial deregulation and macroeconomic mistakes led to in-flation of more than 10 per

cent here in the late 1980s. The Bank believes that one way of changing the institu-tional framework would be to take the operation of monetary policy out of the hands of politicians altogether. Left to his own devices, Mr George would have already had a quarter-point base-rate rise, and probably a lot more be-sides. He is Eeyore to Mr Clarke's Tigger, And yet there are reasons for a Tigger-ish approach and for being chearful about the future.

IRST, the entire post war era can be seen as the ebbing and flowing of price inflacycle in the Golden Age tended to leave the tide mark of inflation higher up the beach, each peak since the profound external shock of 1973 has been lower. Even though most people expect inflation to pick up over the next 12-18 months, nobody thinks it will hit the 10.9 per peak of the Lawson it's time for another spell on | boom, let alone the 21.9 per cent of 1980 or the 28.9 per

> Second, there is compelling evidence that official data overstate the real level of inflation. Last week, Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve suggested that the US failing to take full account of technological shifts, quality improvements and the low level of inflation in the serwas running at 10 per cent, this under-reporting was not that significant. But now it is around 3 per cent, it could mean that the real rate of price rises is only half the

cent of 1975.

official figure.
Third, the shifts in income distribution matter. Back in 1979, there were 5 million people in the UK on belowaverage incomes. Today the figure has risen to 13 million. While this doesn't mean that poorer in absolute terms (most of them haven't) it does mean that they are becoming relatively poorer. As a conse quence, there is a price resis-tance among them that is not evident among that small ent has not solved the prob-m of a chronic shortage of riched by Tory policies.

Indicators

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TODAY - GER: CDU Party GER: import prices (Sep).

UK: GDP Preliminary (QS). LIK: Non-EU Trade (Sep).

LIK: Whole world Trade (Aug) Source: HSBC Markets Research Meal costs £1.99. If it went up | has meant average hours sentatives of the right. How

to £2.25 families would check out Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, etc. But if Marco Pierre White puts up the cost of one of his meals by 10 per cent, the impact on demand would be negligible.

Since recovery began, the extent of this price resis-tance, hoping that at some point they will be able to pass on costs and rebuild profit margins. They were at it again in September, when strong high street spending in August prompted the biggest increase in clothing and footwear prices on record. The result? Early indications are that sales fell back.

The key indicator will be the labour market. Retailers will only be in a position to widen margins if workers are enjoying both increases in real wages and a modicum of job security. The annual growth of average earnings

worked are still down on this time last year, and few em-ployees any longer feel wholly secure in their jobs.

Two other factors are im-

portant. First, the old post-war nexus of state-owned industry. monopolistic suppliers of labour and an oligopolistic corporate structure has been undermined by privatisation, legal curbs on labour and increased competition. The cost-plus mental-ity of 25 years ago has been replaced by price wars among supermarkets, on garage forecourts, in bookshops, and now among providers of over-the-counter drugs.

ECOND, the new generation of politi-cians spent their formative years in the era of the Great Inflation of the late 1960s and early 1970s, and are deter-mined not to repeat previous has indeed picked up, but at mistakes. That goes as much for politicians of the left, such lowest level of the 1980s. But the drift to part-time work Blair, as it does for the repre-

will the tension between the inflation doves and the infla

a controlled expansion, balancing the risks of a short-term rise in inflation against the evidence that the econohe seems to have little tim for monetarist dogma that militates against any active policy for demand Even so, this is a key mo-

ment for economic policy making if Mr Clarke is right, the economy could enjoy several years of strong growth, low inflation and falling unemployment. But this means that fiscal policy should be tightened in the Budget, not loosened. If Mr Clarke gets it wrong, and inflation is allowed to let rip, history shows that the cost of bring-ing it down will be high. And the pressure for an indepen-dent Bank will become

increases merely distract from real issues, argues MERVYN KING

HE most striking fact about inflation in Britain is how rap-idly it rose in the post-war period. Since 1945, prices have risen more than twentyfold. No other period in our history has seen such a prolonged and has produced an inflation generation — a generation for whom inflation is the norm.

People who are celebrating their 30th birthday this month have seen prices in-crease tenfold during their lifetimes. The purchasing power of £1 when they were born has shrunk to only 10p.

Does this matter? Yes - for two main reasons. First, infla tion diverts resources from socially useful purposes to unnecessary financial trans-actions as households and firms engage in "inflation avoidance" activity. Second, high inflation usu-

ally goes hand in hand with unpredictable inflation. That variability proved very costly to those who had taken out mortgages when inflation was high or who had saved when inflation was low. The arbitrary redistribution of in-come generated by unantici-pated inflation is unjust, and damaging to the stability of output and employment.

I do not argue that inflation should literally be zero. Many improvements in the quality of goods and services are omitted from the official price and so "true" price stability may correspond to a zero. What price stability have to worry about inflation when we decide, for example, how much to save and how

about moving to price stabil- (the circumstances of individity because of two concerns. First, does price stability mean permanently higher unemployment? Second, does price stability mean lower

economic growth?
It is true that in the short run a rapid reduction in the inflation rate does lower output and raise unemployment That is the price we have had to pay for allowing inflation to rise in the past. But once inflation has come down, as it has over the past few years, then it is sensible to keep inflation down and move steadily to price stability. Some economists have ar-

gued that price stability would mean higher unemployment on a permanent basis. They believe that wages never fail in the demand for labour mean that sometimes real wages must fall if unemployment of particular groups of workers is not to rise.

NLY with infla-tion, it is argued, will it be possible to bring about the necessary reduction in real wages. (American) data on the distribution of wage changes, these economists point to the high frequency of zero changes in wages as evidence of the downward stickiness in money earnings.
That argument is overstated

for three reasons. First, the fact that many wage changes are observed to be zero may simply reflect the significant costs of deciding on and implementing wage agreements.

Second, productivity growth in the economy as a whole may not be as fast as we would like, but it is posidefined it, should allow wage measured inflation rate closer to grow by about 3-4 per cent to 2 per cent a year than to a year. Over several years that permits a significant fall really means is that we do not | in real wages even if money wages do not fall.

Many people may worry types of labour rather than bility — Rhyme or Reason?

ual firms, they are likely to change slowly from year to year. Significant falls in real wages could be accommo-dated in a world of price stability. And that would provide time to design policies to improve the skills and oppor-

tunities of those whose real

wages were falling. The idea that nominal wage rigidity means that we have and employment is a counsel of despair. A world of price stability would look very different from the past. Mone-tary values would be more reliable. That in itself would be likely to reduce the degree of nominal wage rigidity.

Certainly there is no evi-dence of nominal price rigidlevels of inflation. The retail price index rose by 0.5 per cent in September. But this aggregate increase disguised the fact that 30 of the 85 published components that make up the RPI fell in September. Equally, there is no evi

dence that inflation assists long-run growth rates. On the contrary, once inflation reaches double digit levels there is clear statistical evi-dence that it is harmful to growth. At lower rates we simply do not have enough experience to be sure of that relationship. But monetary stability would surely do more good than harm.

Most important of all: inflation is an unnecessary problem. There are far more important economic issues that face us. Few people enter poli-tics to keep inflation low. Nor should we expect them to do so. Price stability should be part of our economic constitution, common to all parties. providing a degree of macro economic stability to enable governments to devote time and energy to implementing

Mercyn King is executive director and chief economist at Third, to the extent that the Bank of England. The real wages reflect changes in above is based on the ESRC the demand for different annual lecture Monesary Sto-

Never mind the decline of the West, welfare and nation states, let's talk dirty about dodgy money

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

Like every other Chancellor in living memory, Mr count for 9 per cent of Clarke believes he can pull off world GDP, the black economy ranges in size from 5 to 25 per cent of GDP, bribery and fraud accounts for oh, another 5 per cent? my has entered an era of Then there's fraud against global disinflation. Rightly, the European Union, estimated by some to be 10 per cent of its budget, drugtrafficking, biggest or

unlawful arms dealing, Finally, there is tax evasion, which accounts for just about everything not covered in the other fig-ures. Britain alone is owed

second-biggest world indus-try, money-laundering and

£2 trillion at today's prices for tax dodged since 1976. Add all these up, and you have to ask yourself whether there is a straight penny in circulation. The time cannot be far off when a criminologist or economist cuts the waffle and the

it is: dodginess accounts for | mafiosi are the liberators 100 per cent of world GDP. Poor old Dashiell Ham-mett's nightmare of a socity gone entirely criminal while maintaining outward respectability may have be

e horrible reality. Or maybe not so horrible. The decline-of-the-West view has tidal waves of black money crashing over nation-states, creating misery wherever it goes.

the real gangsters, extracting huge sums from their gates wide open.

subjects with which to That apart, the future's bribe their supporters. The laughs all the way.

— the Mafte charges 15 per cent and keeps its word nation states charge 60 per cent and do not.

Criminal chieftains may replace governments, but so what? The wise will load up with hi-tech skills useful to our new masters; the foolish will continue to look to the West's bankrupt

welfare states for help. There is, possibly, a third view. Nation states remain Try the alternative, propounded by Professor Ian Angell of the London School of Economics: crazed with notions of sterism, but their rulers, crazed with notions of "open global markets" have thrown the castle

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Graham Rock on the trainers' championship race that could reach the post at Doncaster next Saturday

Bosra Sham puts Cecil in pole position sweep in Chicago

BOOKMAKERS were betting on the outcome of ship, Henry Cecil would be long odds-on to win the title for the 11th time, following Bosra Sham's emphatic defeat of Halling in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

By the end of the meeting. £50,000 and while Godolphin have supplemented both Meeach, for the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster next Saturday — the final Group One race of the season — neither matches the form of Cecil's representative.

He finished third in the Royal Lodge Stakes, and will attempt to become Cecil's 10th winner of the Doncaster

"He has come on a lot since Ascot, and should run very well," said Cecil yesterday. He intends to send Eva Luna to Newbury for the St Simon Stakes, and added that Sleepy time, ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, would not e seen out again this year.

There are 19 races worth and the end of the season. You never know what might happen and it is definitely not sewn up. I have got quite a next week, but I will not be having runners for the sake of it." Cecil added.

But realistically Godolphin need to win the Racing Post Trophy to regain the lead in

Whatever the outcome of the championship, Cecil will surely be looking forward to next year when Bosra Sham should have matured to her

Taking into account allowances for age and sex, she emerged 41b superior to Halling in winning by two and a half lengths on Saturday. Tilanded three Group One races, was a further length

Given Bosra Sham's welldocumented foot problems, hell," It was an outstanding performance and Pat Eddery filly he had ridden.

When asked to compare Saturday's heroine with the great fillies he had trained in the past, Cecil recalled the exploits of Oh So Sharp and Inbefore meeting Bosra Sham, observed the same distance away third.

Sheikh Mohammed and the trainer was swept aside and the first to congratulate Cecil. For all distance away third.



Inching ahead . . . Inchcailloch responds to Royston Ffrench's urging to beat En Vacances by a neck

Bosra Sham is Godolphin's

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parade ring, it was obvious that Wafic Said's filly would not fulfil her physical poten-

tial for another season.

She seemed ideally suited by the ten furlongs of the Champion Stakes, only her sixth race, and Cecil's winter will surely be spent dreaming

of further glories. Godolphin have not yet decided whether Hailing will race again, but it seems likely that the dual Eclipse Stakes winner will be retired to stud.

For all their sportmanship in the winners' enclosure, it will have been disappointing residual hostility between

As she walked around the large the impossible. Some consolation might be said walle Said's filly would gained from the fact that the

Stakes, Jeff King was bask-ing in the giory of his most important success since he took out a dual-purpose licence 15 years ago, a lastgasp victory by Inchcail-loch in the Cesarewitch,

would not surprise me if he turned out to be Godolphin's most potent threat to Bosra Fourth in the big handiin the emotional aftermath cap a year ago, inchcailloch flew up the hill to beat En of Bosra Sham's victory, any Vacances by a neck. Canon

WHILE the glants claimer has had his differences with racecourse stewards the Champion ards this season, and when an inquiry was announced he feared the worst.

Two furlongs from home a narrow gap appeared between Canon Can and Orchestra Stall, which closed as Inchcailloch quickened between the pair.

Orchestra Stall came off the worst, but the officials rightly took the view that Ffrench was not to blame. and the 20-1 winner was allowed to keep the race.

King was on

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trainer. His handling of the won six times on the Flat, together with three hurdle races and two chases, has

been exemplary.

Forthright to the point of bluntness, King made no secret of the fact that he thought his horse should have won a year ago. When asked his age on Saturday, he replied "I'm 55, but I'll probably feel more like 90

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Folkestone runners and riders

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Sport in brief

British runners' clean

PAUL EVANS and Marian Sutton gave British marathon running its best day for a decade when they won in Chicago yesterday, urites Duncon Mackay, Evans, unsuccessful in his previous major role as an Olympic tracker runner in Atlanta, guaranteed himself a lucrative twilight to his career with the fastest time by a Briton over the classic distance for eight years. The 35-year-old from Lowestoft was better off by about \$40,000 in appearance fee, prize money and honuses when he stopped

The 35-year-old from Lowestott was better on by about £40,000 in appearance fee, prize money and bonuses when he stopped the clock at 2hr 08min 51sec. Sutton, for whom running is a hobby, picked up £20,000 for winning the women's race in a personal best 2.30.41, highlighting the British selectors folly in overlooking her for an Olympic place earlier this year.

Evans had been invited to Chicago only after New York had spent its budget but he led a British monopoly of the race, Eamonn Martin, the former London Marathon winner flu Eamonn Martin, the former London Marathon winner, finished fourth in 2.11.20, four seconds ahead of Belgrave's Gary Staines, whose time was also a personal best.

Jackman a winner and loser

ENGLAND briefly threatened the Australian world champions in the final of the Perrier Women's World Team Squash Championships when their No. 1 Cassie Jackman came from 2-1 down to defeat the world No. 1 Michelle Martin 9-3, 4-9, 5-9, 9-7, 9-7, writes Ian McKenzie in Kuola Lumpur.

Jackman's win, however, only delayed the Australian victory. Wins by the new world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Liz Irving over England's Linda Charman and Fiona Geaves gave the Australians their third consecutive world title.

Fifth one-day win for Tafi

ANDREA TAFT's victory in Saturday's hilly 250km Tour of Lombardy, the penulitimate event in the season-long World Cup, was the 30-year-old Tuscan cyclist's fifth success in a major conday race in just five weeks, and comes a few days after he

uay race in just live weeks, and comes a lew days after he narrowly falled to win a medal in the world road-race championship in Logano, terites William Fotheringham.

Among those behind Tafi were the former double world champion Gianni Bugno of Italy and the current world No. 1, France's Laurent Jalabert. In third place was Axel Merckx, son of the great Rddy, who was in the thick of the action and gained his best ever placing in a ways of this statum. placing in a race of this stature.

Barla Brits square series

ATROCIOUS conditions failed to stop the Barla Great Britain team squaring their two-Test series with the Australian Aboriginals by beating them 28–20 in the final tour match in Salford.

Childerley breezes home

STUART CHILDERLEY became the new BT/RYA match-racing champion yesterday when he defeated Steve Tylecote in two straight races in Portland Harbour in 25-knot winds, writes Bob Fisher. Childerley mastered the tough conditions better than his rival and was able to sail faster, thereby shrugging off the covering tacks which Tylecote sought to employ.

Prinosil romps to victory

GERMANY's David Prinosil, semi-final conquerer of Tim Ren-man, overwheimed the Czech Petr Korda 6–1, 6–2 in the final of the Czech Indoor Open in Ostrava. The 23-year-old German took control of the match from the beginning, keeping Korda of

balance with his booming serve and crisp groundstrokes.

The Australian Mark Philippoussis won his first ATP Tour title by beating Magnus Larsson 6–1, 5–7, 6–4 in the final of the Toulouse Grand Prix.

Chesney quickly in the clear

THE Irish rider Jessica Chesney ended the Helsinki International show in triumph last night when she won the Grand Prix with Diamond Exchange. The 26-year-old Chesney, from County Antrim, went clear in 41.34sec, which was 2.3 seconds faster than the ploits of On so sharp and indian Skimmer, eventually he
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MOLL	TONECHAFT) Led halfray until inside final furlong, bin 20 by Volley (Redicar 6), Gd-Fm).
HOLA	RELATIVE Ren on when 7th ol 26, bin 36, to CRETAN GIFT (rec 10) (Ayr 6 hep. Go-Pin).
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303	230010 EMPERIAL OR METRIC (11) (D) J Berry 8-11	Furtime 6
304	14 SUMBEAM DANCE (22) Second birt Surcor 8-11	L Dettori 2
306	32 SYMONDS Ren (62) J FitzGerald 8-11	K Fallen 7,
306	01 SHTICE (19) B Mile 8-5	
307	531222 TUCKERBELL (20) W Mult 8-6	M Roberts 4*
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 Aimee Cook, who is in a Wolverhampton hospital with a suspected cracked femur after a fall at the Midlands track on Saturday night, is said to be "fairly comfortable." Blinkered for the first time — FOLKESTONE: 2.00 Always Alight; 2.30 Mystical Maid; 3.00 Ameer Alfayaafi. PONTEFRACT: 4.45 Hallmark

Six for Gosden

ANNABA, ridden by Fran-kie Dettori, gave Newmarket trainer John Gosden his sixth French winner in 15 days when landing the Group Two Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp yesterday.



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Wasim's

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ONE of the banners

around the stadium on the opening day had

been welcoming to Wasim Ak-

ram: "We hate Wasim, we love Aqib", read one in support of the local boy Aqib Javed whose omission from the first Test against Zimbabwe had caused resentment.

By mid-afternoon yesterday

the banners had all been taken down as Wasim re-

emerged as the most popular man in Pakistan following his

them with sixes. He lofted 12

in all a world record for a Test innings as he surpas Wally Hammond's total of 10

against New Zealand in Auck-

Wasim also hit 22 fours in an unbeaten career-best 257

from 870 balls and his part-

nership with Saqlain Mush taq, which had begun unpromisingly on Saturday with Pakistan struggling on 237 for seven, blossomed into the

highest ever for the eighth wicket in Test matches. They put on 313 in 110 overs, beat-

ing the 231 by Les Ames and Gubby Allen against New Zealand at Lord's in 1931.

Even on the pitch turning square, the Zimbabwe spin-

ners failed to prise them apart,

although both did offer

chances: Wasim when he had

added just one to his overnight 144 and Saqlain when dropped

at slip on 57 off Andy Whittall's

offspin. It was left to the returning seamer Guy Whittall

to make the breakthrough

with the total on 550 when he bowled Saqlain for 79. The in-

nings closed three runs later.

Wasim's astonishing display of hitting was intermingled with watchful periods of de-

fence of which few thought

him capable. Apart from two swept sixes, it was the crowd

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Els excels and toasts a hat-trick

David Davies at Wentworth

HE Christian name are Ernest Theodore but if ever a man was an Ernie it is the golfer who yesterday became the first person to win the Ma winner and los Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth for three consecutive years, Ernie Els.

This amiable South African beat the Filian Vijay Singh by 3 and 2, in front of a large and faithful crowd who trudged round a soggy and depressing West course, supporting a player who inspires affection wherever he goes.

They were rewarded by se ing history made. No one, not even Gary Player or Sever-iano Ballesteros, who have

Hole by hole

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ey breezes home both won this title five times, has done the hat-trick and in set new targets for himself. Asked if he thought he could become No. 1 in the world, the world No. 3 said: "Yeah, I think I can do that But you've got to win those big ones, win those majors, and you've got to feel you're num ber one. I have the confidence, I think I'm getting there. After all, I've beaten some pretty good guys here in the last three years."

The final was his ninth successive match in this event and the list of his victims reads like a compendium of the world's finest. In 1994 he beat Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal, both then at the peak of their form, folw quickly in the:



Three-dimensional . . . Ernie Els drives off at the 17th yesterday on his way to becoming the first player to win the World Match Play Championship three years running TOM ENGINE

Mark Brooks and Singh, In that time he has accumulated £500,000 in prize money, £170,000 of it yesterday, he is 63 under par for the three years and is averaging £1,634 per hole played. He was asked what he

would do with it? 'I guess I've got to buy a couple of rounds in the bar," said the man who

has dismissed Steve Stricker. | means just that. The Fijian is | bunkered his tee-shot at the a golfaholic, hitting endless streams of golf balls on the practice grounds of the world, and showing little sign that there is much else in his life. He has long been one of the best players in the world not to have a major championin it again. ship, but unlike another such, Montgomerie, he has never sustained a challenge in one

short 5th and then missed from 4 feet, saw Els birdie the short putt, this time only three feet, at the 9th. The match had been turned round, and Singh was rarely

Part of the Els appeal is that his wet-weather gear is at best nondescript and topped Maria Olazabal, both then at the peak of their form, followed by Colin Montgomeric in the final.

In the bar, "said the man who for very long. If two very long. The peak of their form, followed by Colin Montgomeric in the final.

It would be difficult to imagine Singh taking the Bernhard Langer and Steve Elkington, while this year be substanced a challenge in one substanced a challenge in one studied a challenge in one stu

But then, as he first of all settles into his stance and then hits the ball, any resemplance to a normal golfing

He has a fantastic range of shots, a great flair and a wonderful putting stroke and while all these qualities are not, obviously, permanently present, sufficient of them usually are for him to be able to win even when not at his

Yesterday he recognised as much, saying: "I just played steady. No heroics. As it turned out I was just good

He was only four under par for the day — "not good", he said, "but neither was the weather".

The match centred on four holes around the turn in the afternoon. At the 27th Els, already three up, hit a five-iron to a foot, a blow to which Singh responded with a wedge to two feet at the 29th to get back to three down. Then, at the 30th, the turning point. Els hit a rare false stroke, a four-iron second deep into the trees and was always, from there, going to take at least five.

the regulation birdle he would be back to two down and again in contention. But his one-iron pulled up short of the green and his little chip pulled up 12 feet short of the hole. "I gave the tournament away right there," said Singh. "That was the hole," agreed Els, who got his half in five, "I

was fortunate to get away with it. Brooks, who had performed

at long off and long on who were regularly diving for The hapless Paul Strang who bowled his wrist spin in so putridly against Els in the semi-final, played the last nine holes of his third-place telligently to take five wickets to follow his splendid first-innings century, was singled out for the harshest treatplay-off against Tom Lehman in 33, four under par, to win ment. Nine times Wasim smote him into the crowd, al-

> patched further and out of the Saglain never once tried to imitate his captain's aggres-sion, remaining content to seven hours. Pretty it was not, but try telling that to the Zimbabweans, who at 38 for one batting again when rain and bad light cut short the fourth day, need 173 to draw level in a Test seemingly be-

though twice the ball was dis-

Two shining lights lift the gloom **Davies leads European list** after Italian Open victory

The rain had temporarily

bracketing the fairway, each

Richard Williams on the contrasting playing styles of a pair who refused to be unsettled by the atrocious Wentworth weather

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F NiKI LAUDA had been playing Wentworth's West Course yesterday afternoon, he would have pulled into the clubhouse after half a dozen holes, parked his clubs and gone home to a hot bath. But golfers are made of sterner

Ernie Ris and Vijay Singh kept going to the end of their contest for the World Match Play Championship, which came on the day's 34th hole, earning cheers for their efforts in dismal conditions and a sigh of relief as they reached a conclusion.

Given the setting and the season, the World Match Play having much of an unsettling season, the World Match Play has the potential to be one of the loveliest events of the Vijay Singh, too, is not the lengths, but their power bent a five-iron into a birch

tainers, Wentworth's annual jamboree is to autumn what the US Masters at Augusta National is to the spring. Not this year. The gloom and the drenching rain of yesterday afternoon effectively damp-

ened the sense of occasion. Ernie Els didn't mind. Taking the event for the third time in a row, he would probably have played through a blizzard for the chance to make his unique hat-trick. And it is hard to imagine even the worst of conditions having much of an unsettling

sporting year. Amid the turn-ing foliage and the carefully and the meeting of these two tended homes of retired enter-tine but unshowy players was hardly one to appeal to the ininelegant. The bespectacled Singh, whose body slumps in repose into an S-shape, finds his power from his legs and his timing. He shows us the kind of languid grace more usually associated with left-handers. stincts of the whoopers and hollerers, the types who can't help shouting "In the hole!" (or, more fashionably this year, "In the cup!") every time a favourite player tries a putt. handers.

But it was a good day for those who can bear to watch sport without the presence of overbearing "characters" among the contestants. Singh and Els smiled at each other. occasionally exchanged com-pliments and observations.

exemplary swing comes from his shoulders and trunk, al-though it is never remotely through the trees on to the

green, Singh responded by laying up short, Els putted to 18 inches and Singh missed a 12-footer to surrender the chance of cutting his oppo-nent's lead. There was some good golf to come, not least from the Fijian, but the match

was effectively over.
"I don't think I played as well as last year," Els said, pointing out that he had gone 25 under par for the tournabacked off and Els was three up as they approached the par-five 12th in the afternoon ment in both of his previous session, to play their 30th hole of the day. Both drives victories, but was only 13 under this time. The weather, ended up within a couple of feet of the same distance, naturally, had something to do with that. And he remembered his let-off at the 30th, "I was fortunate there," he said, but he had been rewarded for his skill and consistency.

AURA DAVIES secured American earnings, and be-ther eighth win of the come only the second player to top the European final round of 76 to win the and American money lists Italian Open over the wind-swept Il Picciola course in Sicily yesterday.
With a 10-under-par total
of 282, the Briton com-

pleted a 48th career victory when she finished three strokes clear of the Australian Fiona Pike, who shared second place with Tina Fischer of Germany. Her fourth Italian Open triumph earned Davies

£15,000 to assure her of leading the European money list for the fourth time since 1985.

"It was a bit of a struggle

in those conditions. I felt a lot of pressure but I man-aged to hang on." said

Davies will now attempt

in the same year.

In Florida, the American prodigy Tiger Woods would have shared the thirdround lead with four others but for a bogey on the final hole in the Walt Disney World Classic. Jay Haas (68), Lennie Cle-

ments (66), Taylor Smith (64) and Rick Febr (70) finished the round on 16 under par, one stroke ahead of Woods and four others, including Payne Stewart, the tournament winner back in 1983.

Despite so many having the chance to triumph, Hass summed up the gen-eral feeling when asked what he needed in the final round: "One shot ahead of to overtake Australia's Tiger is probably the num-Karrie Webb, the leader in ber to shoot for."

Cycling

youd their recall.

New drug test keeps Obree in the saddle

Sandy Sutherland

GRAEME OBRRE, who announced last week that instead of retiring he would compete until after the 1996 Commonwealth Games, has revealed that part of the reason is a recent break-through in drug-testing which he is convinced will clean up his sport. "It's be-cause they've found a test for EPO," said the 30-year-old Scot who says he also wants to regain the world pursuit title he won in Hamer, Nor-way in 1993 and in Bogota, Colombia in 1995.

EPO, or Erythropoietin, which increases the number of red blood cells, has long been suspected of being used by athletes in a number of sports either as a masking agent to conceal the taking of anabolic steroids or as a growth stimulant and aid to recovery.
Obree has alleged that EPO

is rife in cycling and may be the reason for the dramatic rise in standards in recent years. "You only have to look at the way that records have improved and times have come down," he said.

Although tests for EPO have been conducted for the past five years they have been so unreliable that none of sport's world governing bodies has been willing to accept them. But the new breakthrough may change all that.

Jose Antonio Espinosa died in Madrid yesterday from injuries sustained on Saturday in a collision with an official during the team time trial scenario. time-trial section of the Cri-terium de Fuenlabrada. The MX Onda team's 26-year-old Spaniard had been in a deep coma since the accident. The official is in a serious condition with facial bone

Snooker

Davis quick to sink Greene

Saunders launches the Jets to blast London Towers

Clive Everton

r IS 21 months since Steve Davis last won a title but so many top players have made their exits from the Grand Prix at Bournemouth in the first two rounds that the possibility of the 71st of his 18-year professional career is not to be discounted. His 5-0 dispatch of Gerard His 5-0 dispatch of Gerard Greene, the world No. 72, displayed the six-time world champion's consummate tac-

Basketball

breaks of 91 and 95 in leading 3-0 and delivered a crucial thrust by stealing the fourth after needing a snooker. "He's such a talent he'll

knock the stuffing out of a lot of players," said Davis of an opponent who had taken the still notable scalp of Willie Thorne in the previous

tical game at its finest. He turies in a row. The new genhardly hit a ball wrong, made eration is so much better than since the last tournament is the last."

One part-timer who has managed to swim against this tide is the world No. 42 Mark Bennett, who followed his defeat of the world No. 3 Peter

income.

an hour and a half with a young lad and one frame in the Cardiff Lesgue when I lost to a bloke with one eye giving him a 50 start," he said.

A younger Welshman, Mat-thew Stevens, was brought back to earth after eliminat-Ebdon with a 5-0 victory over
Chris Small.

Bennett has for two years owned and run a betting shop in Newport and plays in more relaxed fashion than when stooker was his sole source of income.

BRACKNELL Bees' 6-1 win pat Sheffield Steelers must rate as the shock result of the Superleague season so far. It was the first home league de-feat for the Steelers since December 1993, a run of 53

"We just didn't get into the game," said Steelers' manphysical game."
The Bees took the lead

through a Wayde Bucsis goal at 14.22 minutes and when he completed his hat-trick in the 45th minute they were 5-0 clear, with Dale Junkin having scored the other two. Ron Shudra was on band with the

field's opponents in next Satur-day's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals, also crashed at home. A 6-3 defeat by the Ayr Scottish Eagles was their third in succession on their own ice. Basingstoke Bison's 6-5 home win over the Manches-ter Storm was clinched with a

goal 1.55 minutes into over-time by Blake Knox.

Swarming Bees McGuire ends startling shock Sheffield | Guildford fightback

Pat Rouriey

GUILDFORD staged a won-derful recovery from four goals down in their home National League match with Teddington yesterday to level at 4-4, only to lose 5-4 after a game full of incident.

Five players — three from Guildford — received temporary suspensions during the last 18 minutes. It was while Guildford was a down to nice

Guildford were down to nine men that Teddington's Olym-pic defender. Philip McGuire. converted a 60th-minute corner for the final goal.

Teddington had started the

game by scoring in every attack they mounted. They raced into their 4-0 lead in 14 minutes with goals from Paul

minutes with goals from Paul Way (two corners), Jon Hauck and Tyrone Moore.
Guildford, led by the example of their player-coach Ian Jennings then began to attack irresistibly. Roly Ward deflected a Jennings free hit high into the net for his side's first goal, the impressively direct David Mathews brilliantiv won a stroke which liantly won a stroke which Jennings converted and it was 3-4 at half-time after a solo effort by Britain's Danny

stroke saved by the goal-keeper Jon Ebsworth, only for Jennings at atone immedi ately by racing from the 25 to get the equaliser. However, Jennings was in the sin bin when McGuire snatched the

winner.

Teddington were one of three clubs that won on the return of their Celtic players. The champions Cannock moved up to third by adding to Hounslow's woes with a 3-1 victory. All three Cannock goals came from corners, the newcomer Craig Parnham getting two and Rob Crutchley his 13th of the season. Old Loughtonians became

leaders with a hat-trick from Nick Thompson, the Olympic forward, in a 6-1 drubbing of Surbiton. Reading match them on 12

points after bringing Barford
Tigers back to earth by beating the Asian side 5-2.
Leisa King of Inswich, a
newcomer to the England

women's training squad, cele-brated by cracking home a corner to give the coach Mag-gie Souyave's new squad a 2-1 win over Slough, the National League leaders, at Bisham yesterday. Earlier Jane Smith had scored against her own club, with Kate White

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Rob Dugdale THE Chester Jets proved their current lofty posi-tion in the Budweiser League Mike Burton. "We've never even got close to beating London before, because we've never had the team to do so." The key was their guard Russ Saunders. He broke the game open at the end of the first half when a combination of is no fluke with a 91-86 win at Wembley over the reigning champions, London Towers. The Jets, who have not made the play-offs in their five years in the top flight, might even be taking advantage of their "perennial no-

of Towers pushes in the second half, paced by 22 points from the bulky yet effective Billy Singleton. The team, oddly enough, is spon-sored by Twiglets.

At the end, there was Saunders again, ad libbing to

three assists, two steals, two set up Ricardo Leonard for trademark three-pointers and a couple of shorter range bas-

"No matter what the coach says, the players are still take-off and they led 53-42 at the heat.

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both at the top end of the table, the standings appear upside-down. That is, if you ignore the reassuringly familiar position of Hemel Royals at the bottom of the table. Saturday's 108-136 defeat at home to the Leopards meant the Royals have conceded over 1.000 points in nine defeats.

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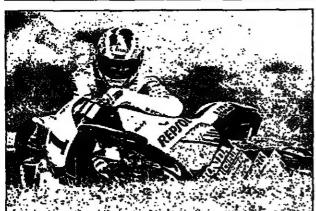
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Premiership Middlesbrough 0, Tottenham Hotspur 3

Sheringham exposes cigarette card fallacy

Commentary

David Lacey

OOTBALL's cigarette card tendency, which believes that success can be achieved merely by collecting a set of well-known faces, suffered a rebuff at the Riverside Sta-dium on Saturday when Tottenham's superior teamwork proved an important point by taking three.

Alan Sugar, the Spurs chairman, has faced mounting criticism from supporters for not joining the Gadarene rush to snap up foreign mer-cenaries eager to share the new wealth of the Premiership.

Envious eyes have been cast in the direction of nou-veau riche clubs such as Mid-dlesbrough. If they can buy Juninho, Emerson and Ravanelli, then why have Tottenham been dragging their heels in the transfer market? With Jürgen Klinsmann's defection midway through a

two-year contract still gnaw-ing at his soul, Sugar may feel that recent history speaks for itself. Yet Totten-ham's performance in beating Middlesbrough 3-0, and the fact that they might eas-ily have doubled their score, presented a more tangible case for prudence.

If Spurs are ever going to become serious challengers for the Premiership title, money will still have to be spent strengthening Gerry Francis's squad. The recent spate of injuries, which at times made it almost impos-sible for Francis to fleid a recognisable team, offered proof of that.

Expensive signings, however, will bring only short-term gains unless the frame-work of a team is basically sound. While Tottenham's win was inspired by Teddy Sheringham, at last fully fit and in form, it was achieved as much by the whole side working hard and under-

teams can't play the same way all the time. Today we had to play a different way because, if you have four de-

Barmby will have space to run at you." Essentially Tottenham won Saturday's game by denying the opposition space around Emerson.

Organised, industrious and

imaginative, Spurs were almost everything Middlesbrough were not. Accusa-tions that the present Tottenham team is prosaic and pedestrian are based largely on an uninspiring run at home which Francis hopes will have been ended by the win over Aston Villa. Away from White Hart Lane Spurs are a different animal altogether. altogether.

"You don't want to go a goal down to them," observed the losing manager ruefully. In fact no sooner had Bryan Robson seen Sheringham dis-patch a 35-yard free-kick past a poorly positioned Miller midway through the first half than Fox, who at 5ft 6in is hardly a natural for the air-borne division, darted be-tween Middlesbrough's dis-tantly related centre-backs to nod in a second goal from Howells's centre.

Sheringham headed Spurs' third, from Carr's cross, in the closing seconds of the game. By then the England striker might already have completed a hat-trick as the

home defence disintegrated. Eleven months earlier Tottenham had become the first team to win at the Riverside Stadium, after which Mid-dlesbrough, despite an outstanding victory over Liverpool four days later, went into a steep decline, winning three and losing 14 of their last 21 fixtures.

On Saturday's evidence it may take more than two Bra-zilian internationals and a ravenous Ravanelli to avoid a similar slump. Metaphori-cally Robson's defence is still playing with its shirt over its head. Once oppo-nents get pest Emerson in midfield there is no footballing Fittipaldi barring their way, just Vickers and Pear-son swinging slowly on rusty

Put simply, Spurs closed down the opposition in midont.

"Players have to think a lot make a system work," centre of Middlesbrough's deto make a system work," centre of Middlesbrough's de-Francis explained, "and fence Once Howells and Nielsen had disrupted Emerson's lines of communication with Juninho the home team's



Riding high . . . Clive Wilson leaps to congratulate his captain Teddy Sheringham on his first goal at the Riverside Stadium

Robson, however, did not little too ready too early to said. "We didn't show many had left by the time this was the third defeat in single out his defenders for accept the inevitability of despectfic blame. As one of Eng. | feat. "To concede a second deserve better than that." | hearted challenges from Em- booed off by those who

and Campbell on his own. | knew his players had been a | shouldn't have done," he | the Riverside Stadium but |

Middlesbrough, for whom because, if you have four de-fenders marking one striker, function and Ravanelli was land's more passionate and goal so quickly knocked the Ravanelli, then Juninho and left to cope with Calderwood bard-working captains he stuffing out of us but it set an attendance record for Tottenham's third goal.

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NY City speculators hanging around the City Ground might have had second thoughts about a takeover of Nottingham Forest after this mundane derby with Derby dropped them into the bottom three.
The most interesting action

was taking place off the pitch where there were mutters of boardroom splits, video nas-

After the game the club issued a statement emphasising no decision would be taken on any bids until its annual meeting on October 31. A press conference called for tomorrow was to discuss sponsorship, it said, not to announce any takeover.

Although Forest have not won since the opening day, their manager Frank Clark insisted that backstage tur-moil was not to blame for la klustre performances on

His striker Dean Saunders backed him up: "I don't think the takeover has affected the players. We were playing badly before all this came up."

A financial shake-up at Forest seems overdue. Despite the £8.5 million sale of Stan Collymore just over a year ago, the chib are said to be 216 million in debt. They are being eyed by Grant Bovey, a 35-year-old who has made his money from video companies. Bovey is willing to pay \$30 million for Forest but has

got on the wrong side of the directors by sending out pre-sentational videos to shareholders "without the board's knowledge or approval", ac-Doubts are also emerging

about the viability of his

takeover story, reporting that his flagship company, Water-shed Pictures Ltd, owes

around 21 million. This troubled scenario is not much help to Clark 'It's an unsettling background but I don't see why it should affect the players — their contracts are watertight," he said dis-missively. "Very rarely do you hear of a player being sacked.
"But it is surely not good for the club itself. It has almost got to the point where this big derby, an important game for both clubs, has been wiped out of the news by all the speculation that's going on about the takeover.

"Any degree of uncertainty in any organisation is not good. It causes problems and it has to be sorted out as quickly as possible." This could not be done, Clark said, until at least 28 days after the annual meet-ing, when another meeting would be called to recommend

a course of action.
"There is more than one proposal on the table or floating around in the atmosphere," he added. But he also admitted he was being kept out of the loop and was taken by surprise when asked about rumours of a boardroom split.

"The only thing that wor-ries me about the affair is that there is a traitor in Forest somewhere who sold a story to a newspaper that wasn't of benefit to the club. But it doesn't concern us as

much as losing two points."

Those points dropped meant a point gained for Derby, who steadled their ship after two defeats through an equalising drive by Dailly

after 58 minutes.
Forest should have been three ahead by then but Saunthree ahead by then but Saunders, who opened the scoring on 75 seconds, missed two chances and fluffed another seven minutes from time of the World, which broke the seven minutes from time.

Confusing whispers Unhappy returns in store for Graham

OME time after it was all over, Norman Hunter stood, grim-faced, in front of the television screen replaying the goals for the benefit of the Aston Villa faithful. Turning to no one in particular, he vigorously condemned the defensive deficiencies that had undermined the Leeds cause. He hardly needed to add it would not have happened in

F this was to be Trevor Sinclair's last game for QPR, then he signed off with a few memories, play-

ing a part in all three of the

goals that helped his team take the three points back

to west London.
Afterwards, confirming

the England Under-21 for-ward's request to leave, the QPR manager Stewart Houston said: "I don't want

him to go and I have had a

long conversation with him but the player has obvi-

ously thought long and

hard about it and has put

his request in writing."
Houston added that the

Loftus Road board would

consider Sinclair's request at their next meeting, prob-

Samways to sweeten any checked with Fifa.

ably later this week.

Derak Potter

verdict elsewhere would have | side the thought, movement been no less damning.
"Where did it go wrong?"
George Graham was asked.
"At the back, in midfield and up front," came the reply.

Bite-Yer-Legs himself would have falled to stem the flow. Despite the fanfares that heralded Graham's arrival, Leeds continue to make a habit of failure and the would-be saviour has lost his September smile. He would not choose this week to make his first return to Highbury,

just as he would not choose so rapid a reminder of Villa's talents as Wednesday's Coca-Had other Leeds juminaries like Billy Bremner and Allan Clarke been with him, the Leeds could not live along-

First Division: Tranmere Rovers 2, Queens Park Rangers 3

Sinclair raises the stakes

deal, yesterday became an interested party in a

lengthening queue, sending

a representative to the

game and asking Houston to keep them informed of

developments. Leeds, Shef-

field Wednesday, Black-burn, Arsenal, Chelsea and

Tottenham have already

been linked with the 24-5 million-rated player. The game itself, origi-nally labelled a starter be-

fore the main course across the Mersey at Anfield — eventually a washed-out non-starter — turned out to

be tasty fare anyway.

QPR got the best possible start when Sinclair's cross

bemused Tranmere's de-

fence and presented Steve

Slade with a simple ninth-

But the Tranmere player-manager John Aldridge

squared things with a 41st-

minute penalty using his run-stop-shoot routine, the

legality of which he had

minute header,

minutes later.

That goal, his tenth of the season, temporarily doused

Queens Park Rangers' spirit and quelled Rous-ton's hopes of a second win inside a week, until Alan McDonald dropped in 25

The QPR captain and cen-

tral defender launched himself at a Sinclair corner

and, when Lee Charles, courtesy of Sinclair and a

Tranmere defender, made

the scoreline a comfortable-

looking 3-1 with five min-utes left, justice was almost

seen to be done.

An 87th-minute response
by Ged Brannan was a

minor blemish on a con-vincing QPR performance in increasingly difficult conditions for the drenched

Tranmere, again seriously disrupted by injuries, have now won once in

eight league games, al-

sees QPR rise to eighth.

players and referee.

road. Curcic retained control, I have to be better than the now transferring the ball to Johnson who in turn teed up Yorke for the finish that carried just enough weight to beat Martyn. The goalkeeper The grass beyond the halfwas the one Leeds player who way line was unfamiliar terricould be satisfied with his tory for the visitors but from one isolated advance, early in the second half, they found

themselves behind. Hateley's tion helped Johnson underfailure to spot the possibili-ties from Kelly's possession on the 18-yard line, in marked contrast to Villa awareness, line his claims to a regular place ahead of Milosevic, the Yugoslav enigma who was left

Little to reveal the secret behind a performance which mocked Villa's failure to win any of their previous seven games. Surely something magical had gone into their Monday-Friday preparation? But no. "The theme all contribution. Seven minutes later another Curcic-Yorke combina-

week in training has been to remind the players of the im-portance of winning a football match." said the home manrapid a reminder of Villa's contrast to Villa awareness, talents as Wednesday's Cocablents as Wednesday's Cocablents as Wednesday's Cocable Cup tie looks sure to provide.

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We waited then for Brian

League looks again to satisfy PFA's would-be strikers

Martin Thorpe

HE Football League board meets today in an attempt to thrash out a peace formula that will avert a threatened players' strike over television The result of a players'

union strike ballot was to have been announced on Saturday and was expected to show an overwhelming majority in favour of withdrawing labour. At the last minute, however, the Professional Footballers' Association agreed to hold back pending further talks on

back pending further talks on the League's decision to scrap a traditional regulation that entitles the union to 10 per cent of any television deal. "The league have said they will be putting an offer to us that they hope will be accept-able," said the PFA's chief ex-ecutive Gordon Taylor. "It is

ecutive Gordon Taylor. "It is an encouraging development and we just hope they're not crying wolf." A League spokesman Chris

though they gamely refused A League spokesman Chris to give up in a match that Hull said yesterday that because the peace initiative is international.

in its early stages it was difficult to make any substantial statement but confirmed the board meeting will be "look-ing for ways to take the matter forward.

"We have always stressed that we want to get round the table with them again and we're hoping they'll enter into a spirit of co-operation."

The Arsenal midfielder David Hillier is to sign for Portsmouth for £250,000, becoming the first player to leave Highbury since Arsène Wenger took control.

The former England Under-21 International, now 26, has little chance of a regular start at Arsenal following the recent arrival of Patrick Vieira and after being told he did not figure in the new manager's first-team plans, agreed a three year-deal at Pompey. Sheffield Wednesday's mid-fielder John Sheridan is

poised to join First Division
Manchester City.

The new manager Steve
Coppell yesterday lodged a
formal bid of \$200,000 for the

Scottish Premier

Hearts 2, Celtic 2

Celtic draw short of going level

Patrick Glenn sees another missed chance to get on terms with Rangers

ELTIC gave their supporters a feeling of déjà vu in its queasiest form when they failed, as they did frequently last season, to take advantage of Rangers' slip the day

The victory at Tynecastle which would have put them top of the table on goal difference was within touching distance when they con-ceded the stoppage-time equaliser which kept them in their more accustomed second place.

The draw was no more than Hearts deserved but Celtic, having established a two-goal lead, appeared guilty of complacency after Van Hooydonk had completed his double early in the second half.

The nonchalance was to be found in the Parkhead side's attack. They frequently failed to capitalise on good positions behind the home defence during a period when Hearts looked generally aimless at the other end of the field.

The Tynecastle team. who had the better of the first half but still managed to trail at the interval, should have been galvanised by Cameron's goal within seconds of Van Hooydonk giving Celtic their 2-0 lead. But their final ball into the area gave Kerr, making his competi-tive debut in the visitors'

goal, no problems. It was the substitute Bruno who finally delivered the high cross from the right which eluded all but the towering McPher-son, who stretched his neck as he fell forward and headed the ball to the right of Kerr from 10 vards.

Van Hooydonk's low right-foot drive from a sim had dummied Di Canio's centre from the right had given Celtic the lead and his volley from Wieghorst's downward header should have been enough to secure

the three points. But from the re-start Paille released Cameron on the right of the area and the little midfielder's low drive crossed the line after hitting the inside of the far post. The match was an almost uncanny reproduction of Rangers' 2-2 draw with Aberdeen on a day

Paul Gascoigne seemed to be the feature event. Gascoigne seems to be di-minished whenever he is called upon to control his manic commitment be beimportant than any other Rangers player.

He had to play with his arms at his side against Aberdeen and, apart from his brilliant goal from a freekick, a little dink saved by Walker and an early hand in the move leading to Laudrup's goal, the England midfielder was as intrusive s a wall-flower.

It is a peculiar dilemma for Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, who realises that the tempestuous energy Gascoigne brings to his normal endeavours can lead to trouble and that anything less reduces his effectiveness.

It is reasonable to hywould not have enjoyed the superiority they did for much of the match at Ibrox had Gascoigne not been influenced by the events of the previous few days to rein in his natural

aggressiveness.
The Scottish champions imposed themselves authoritatively only for a 15minute spell in the first half, during which they

scored twice. Even if Rangers did not dominate, the Aberdeen goalkeeper Walker had to make several important saves as well as retrieve the ball from the net twice.

Gascoigne scored first, with a beautifully con-trolled free-kick from 22 yards out on the right, and Laudrup followed soon after with a solo effort after Gascoigne and Gough had But the goals which Irvine, before half-time, and Dodds, two minutes from the end, scored ensured Aberdeen would take the

minimum they deserved.

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Premiership: Newcastle United 5, Manchester United 0

Newcastle are in seventh heaven



These supporters travelled all the way down to London to see us in the **Charity Shield** and we were beaten 4-0 and that's what I reminded the players'

Kevin Keegan

'It was sweet revenge, But I still think whoever finishes above United will win the league' Alan Shearer

'The game did not reflect the quality we put into it. It's the first time in my career I've lost five goals as a



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Keegan's men are top dogs and gain a sweet revenge

David Lacey

chester United will no longer trip quite so lightly across Newcastle's grave. In fact after yesterday's sharp spot of exorcism at St James' Park it will surely take no more than a couple of bars of the Blaydon Races to send violent shivers down Old Trafford's spine

Alex Ferguson's team came to Typeside undefeated in the Premiership this season and unbeaten by Newcastle United in a league fixture for nine years. They went home chased and chastened, routed 5.0, their heaviest defeat not the hard-working Butt. Add to this a revived performance only in Ferguson's 10 years at Old Trafford but in his 22

years as a manager.
The victory, Newcastle's seventh in succession in the Premiership, has returned Newcastle to the top of the table, which they now lead by three points. Statistically, with just over a quarter of the with just over a quarter of the with just over a quarter of the programme completed, that may not mean much but psy-chologically the result may be of enormous significance in Kevin Keegan's attempt to win the title lost to Manches-

really recovered from falling behind to a hotly contested goal just before the quarter-hour. After Glnola had set up ter United last season. When the champions out played Newcastle in the FA Charity Shield, winning 4-0 at Wembley in August, the a chance for Ferdinand, whose shot was deflected behind, the Frenchman's corner was won in the air by Shearer and the ball found its way to Peacock. Irwin thought he had cleared script for this season ap-peared to have been written. Yesterday, however, Keegan's

missing sitters, United were fortunate to escape an even

more severe mauling.
To their credit Ferguson's players, and particularly the

youngsters, kept going to the end and were forcing saves from Srnicek even after the fifth goal. But Cantona was fortunate to stay on the field

when, having been cautioned for a shove which somersaulted Albert over the byline, he caught Beardsley with a crude

At the heart of Newcastle's victory lay the dominance in midfield which Batty and Lee achieved over Johnsen and

from Ginola, some inspired moments from Beardsley and

the fact that Shearer is as good a creator as he is a scorer, and this was as com-

plete a victory as Newcastle could have wished for. "We really looked like a

team that were on a mission," said Keegan afterwards; a

mission that began last

March when Cantona's lone goal at St James' Park finally tilted the championship Old

Trafford's way. Manchester United never

late tackle 10 minutes later.

correct. Poborsky having merited a Bafta award for his dive over Srnicek, the contest began to move beyond Manchester United's grasp on the half-hour. Beardsley and Beresford found Ginols on the left and once more he cut inside, this time pivoting in front of Gary Neville to release a marvell-ous right-footed shot into the

top far corner of the net.

By half-time Shearer had driven a 30-yard shot low against the left-hand post and St James' Park was baying for more goals. The crowd were not to be disappointed although had Poborsky's header, which Strnicek blocked five minutes into the second half, been better directed Newcastle might have sufted Newcastle might have suf-fered a return of some bad old

As it was, the celebrations began in earnest in the 62nd minute when Ferdinand met Shearer's cross from the right with a header that looped over Schmeichel and in off bar and post. With a quarter-of-an-hour remaining, Shearer scored a fourth from the rebound after Schmeichel had parried Ferdinand's shot, and Albert rounded things off in the 83rd minute with a su-premely impudent fifth goal, chipping Schmelchel from 20 yards.

In the closing seconds a far bald-headed man raced across the pitch and knelt in front of Keegan, arms raised in homage. The rest of St James Park probably felt like doing the same. Rarely are United brought to their knees as they

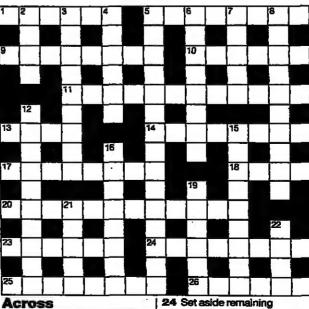
were yesterday.
It was the champions heaviest defeat since Dave Sexton's Manchester United side lost 6-0 at Ipswich or March 1, 1980, and the first time they had conceded five goals since losing 5-1 to Manchester City at Maine Road in September 1989.

"At least we kept at it," said peared to have been written. Yesterday, however, Keegan's players ordered a rewrite. With Shearer hitting a post and Ferdinand and Batty linesman signalled a goal and linesman signalled

And Les makes it three . . . Ferdinand celebrates his goal with Beresford and Peacock as Newcastle, who kicked off yesterday with exactly the same side that lost the Charity
Shield to Manchester United 4-0 two months ago, more
than made up for their disappointing showing at Wembley

Alex Ferguson

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